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England and Tottenham star Glenn Hoddle... the current Match Weekly 'Mastermind of Soccer' (see pages 14 and 15)

European Championship... Wednesday, Sept 22..

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ENGLAND, Wales and Eire all go into European Championship action next Wednesday — the first step in the bid to bring the coveted trophy back to these shores for the first time.

'Match' looks ahead to the big night and bring you the exclusive and fascinating views of one of soccer's most respected stars as England kick-off a new international era under former Ipswich boss Bobby Robson.

SIDELINED superstar Trevor Brooking has warned of the 'September Shakes' as Bobby Robson prepares for his debut as England manager.

The new national team boss takes his squad to Copenhagen next week for the crucial European Championship opener against

Denmark desperate to get off to a winning start.

But West Ham favourite Trevor knows from experience that it won't be easy.

Still battling to beat the injury which wrecked his World Cup hopes, Trevor told 'Match':

"It's a vital game — especially as it's Bobby Robson's first game in charge."

"But it's a little unfortunate that his first game should be such an important match in which to get a result, coming as it does so early in a new season."

"Everyone is still finding their way a little bit and it's not always easy for everyone to be at their sharpest."

"England's ill-fated World Cup qualifier against Norway was a September match and I remember a disappointing performance against Northern Ireland in the same month."

"Internationals are never easy at this time of the year."

"Denmark have a lot of good individuals and they are not a team to be taken lightly although it's comforting from England's point of view that Allan Simonsen is out through injury."

"It would just be nice to see this one out of the way and England with a good result under their belts."

"We are beginning a very important two years leading up to the finals of the European Championship and it's essential England qualify."

"The World Cup provided a launching pad towards gaining

Ready to make amends for Spain

For both Wales and Eire, the European Championship offers a chance to make up for missing out on last summer's World Cup Finals in Spain and former Welsh skipper Brian Flynn told 'Match':

"Without looking for excuses we all thought we were extremely unlucky to miss out in the World Cup and we are desperately keen to get off to a good start in the European Championship."

Wales' opener is a home game against Norway next Wednesday and while it's one they should win, Mike England's men will be keen not to underestimate the opposition following their World Cup flop at home to Iceland when they could only manage a 2-2 draw — a result which virtually cost them the chance of a place in the Finals.

"I admit to not knowing too much about Norway but they beat England in the World Cup qualifiers so they must be a fairly confident side," says the Leeds midfield player.

"There is no way we will treat them as inferior opposition — especially after our experience against Iceland."

Wales' group also includes Bulgaria and Yugoslavia and Brian singles out the latter as the team to beat.

"The Yugoslavs will probably provide us with our toughest test although we've played them once or twice down the years and not come off too bad."

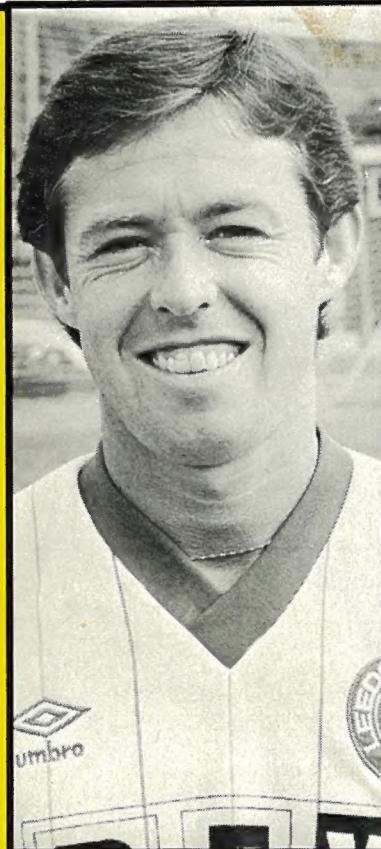
"Bulgaria are a bit of an unknown quantity although the journey will be hard enough, never mind the match."

"Having said that I feel we have proved that we can match anyone on our day and the spirit in the Welsh camp is always good — an international is something every player really looks forward to."

Despite Wales failure to make the trip to Spain, 26-year-old Brian doesn't envisage many changes for the European Championship.

"There are a lot of good youngsters coming through and it's proved by the fact the Under-21 team have done well but we have a comparatively young squad anyway."

Providing he is fully fit, Tottenham's Paul Price will skipper Wales against Norway and Brian now finds himself in the Second Division with relegated Leeds after a period on loan to Burnley last term.



Brian Flynn, Leeds midfielder and former Welsh skipper.

But says Brian: "I am confident I can still do a good job for my country."

"Captaining Wales was a great thrill, but Mike England has chosen to make Paul Price skipper and I'll be hoping as much as anyone that he's fit for our opening game."

Eire meanwhile travel to face Holland.

The two teams drew 2-2 when they met a year ago in a World Cup qualifier — Michael Robinson and Frank Stapleton scoring the goals for Eire.

English-based Dutchmen Frans Thijssen and Arnold Muhren (penalty) replied for Holland.

But Eire can take heart in the knowledge Holland were held to a 1-1 draw in Iceland in their European Championship opener two weeks ago. Newcastle's Mick Martin, an Eire regular for the past ten years, believes the present squad is capable of reaching the Finals.

"We have threatened to do something in the World Cup and the last European Championships without quite making it."

"We are in a wide open group with Holland and Spain as the main threats."

"Holland are going through a transitional phase and we took three points off them in the World Cup, but it will be difficult next week in Rotterdam."

"We drew 2-2 there last season which was probably our best away performance in the World Cup."

"We have three crucial games before Christmas, including two in Dublin, against Spain and Iceland, and we hope to have a few points in the bag by the turn of the year."

"I wasn't too impressed with Spain in the World Cup, but with a new manager and the pressure off some of their players, they might be a different side."

"But I feel we are good enough to qualify for the Finals."

"It's difficult making comparisons with previous Eire sides, but when I started ten years ago a lot of our players weren't well known."

"But now we have household names in our squad like Liam Brady, Frank Stapleton, Mark Lawrenson and Ronnie Whelan, and so on paper we have a strong-looking side."

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VITAL QUALIFIER

WON'T BE EASY, WARNS BROOKING

respect back and we must look to progress from there."

Trevor shares the view of most people that we are unlikely to see many changes during Bobby Robson's first few games in charge.

"Circumstances dictated that the squad of 22 announced on Monday would not include everyone who went to Spain.

"Injuries are one reason and a couple of players may have been ruled out by club circumstances like transfer discussions.

"On top of that any new manager has his own ideas about different individuals but I couldn't foresee wholesale changes.

"It would have been unfair on the manager as much as the lads themselves."

Following his minor role in the World Cup Finals due to a back injury, one of the big question marks before the start of the season surrounded Kevin Keegan's international future.

But it now seems certain that, injury apart, Kevin will play and quite likely skipper England against Denmark.

Says Trevor: "People often question the ability of players over 30 at international level and with a new manager coming in every player harbours a little uncertainty."

"But Kevin has started the season well with his new club Newcastle. He's been scoring goals and Bobby Robson has already said that Kevin playing in the Second Division would not act as a deterrent.

"Having been England skipper Kevin would obviously enjoy staying in that role but the manager may have another player in mind in his long-term plans."

"Whatever happens I don't think the Denmark game will provide people with too much of a guide to Bobby's thinking.

"It may all be a bit clearer after the prestige friendly against West Germany at Wembley in October.

"One thing I do hope is that Bobby carries on the theme begun by his predecessor Ron Greenwood and tries to bring a more entertaining style into England's play.

"It's a year since England were beaten, including five matches in the World Cup Finals, and we've looked very solid at the back.

"But perhaps we didn't create or attack enough. I'm not suggesting we ought to be too reckless but maybe we need more attacking play.

"I like to feel that the England team is one that people enjoy watching as well as one that can win and looking at the Ipswich style of play it suggests that Bobby Robson is a man who wants to entertain."

Of his own international future, Trevor is keeping an open mind but he admits: "I could find it very difficult to break back into the England team because the opportunity is now there for other players to make a good impression."

An almost automatic and popular choice under Ron Greenwood, Trevor is naturally disappointed that he hasn't been able to show his paces yet this season.

"I recently started stepping up the training and I've pencilled in a reserve match for Saturday. I'm hoping for first team availability by the end of the month.

"I just want to get fit and start playing well for West Ham. I'd been only too delighted to play for England again if I'm called upon.

"It's disappointing because if I could have started the new season well it might have helped sway the manager's thinking.

"Whoever gets picked for that first match against Denmark has a great opportunity to establish himself."



MATCH VERDICT

WHAT will be the line-up when Bobby Robson announces his first England team?

That's the burning question that has been on the lips of fans everywhere since his appointment as national team boss.

Surely he can't make changes to a defence that hasn't conceded a goal in the last four matches — against Spain, West Germany, Kuwait and Czechoslovakia?

Peter Shilton is still the number one in the land and has already shown brilliant form for his new club Southampton.

Liverpool's Phil Thompson and Ipswich defender Terry Butcher formed a commanding central defensive partnership in Spain with a balanced blend of experience and towering strength.

Bryan Robson and Ray Wilkins look assured of their midfield roles and Steve Coppell can complete a Manchester United hat-trick.

The left hand side of midfield, once

the domain of Trevor Brooking, could cause the new manager most thought.

Arsenal's Graham Rix took over the mantle in the World Cup when the West Ham stalwart was injured, but has yet to establish himself as an international regular.

Then there are the claims of Aston Villa winger Tony Morley if Robson chooses a system that required an orthodox wide man on the left.

Although Kevin Keegan has dropped into the Second Division with Newcastle, Robson is almost certain to recall the enthusiastic dynamo who is already among the goals for his new club.

He seems set to renew his successful partnership with Ipswich's Paul Mariner despite the strong claims of Italy-based Trevor Francis who replaced the injured Keegan in the World Cup Finals.

So the two changes we forecast from Ron Greenwood's last team is Steve Coppell for Tony Woodcock and Kevin Keegan for Trevor Francis.



Kevin Keegan — Trevor expects him to play in Denmark.

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Terry's target

NEW Leeds boss Eddie Gray has set striker Terry Connor a pretty daunting 30-goal target for this season.

But the youngster, who opened his account on the first day of the season at Grimsby, is delighted with the challenge.

"It means the manager must see me more as a forward, and I couldn't be happier," he says.

"Last season, Allan Clarke played me all over midfield because of my versatility, but I don't fancy being labelled with that tag.

"I want to be recognised as a striker. Now's my opportunity to show exactly what I can do."



Terry Connor — "I want to be a recognised striker."

A deadline for Dennis

FORMER Chelsea full-back Dennis Rofe has been given six months to prove himself at Southampton.

And 'Saints' boss Lawrie McMenemy believes that the former Leicester defender is capable of staying in the First Division at the age of 32.

"After leaving Chelsea on a free transfer, I had no idea what would become of me," says Dennis, who has been a

short-term contract by the First Division club.

"To get a move like this is fantastic. I don't blame the club for being cautious, but I firmly believe I'm over the injury problems of the past few years.

"I'm confident that in six months I can prove my fitness and show Southampton that I am ready to fill the number three shirt on a more permanent basis."

GORDON IS GUNNING FOR GOALS

Second Division defences beware! Fulham sharp-shooter Gordon Davies is gunning for goals which will take him into Division One.

"Like every player worth his salt, my ultimate aim is to play in the First Division in Fulham's first game back in the Second Division.

"I have one year of my contract still to run at Fulham, and I'll be doing my utmost to help the club achieve promotion for the second successive season.

"I was a late-comer to the game — and I've worked hard to get where I am. Now I'm determined to give myself the best possible chance of getting to the top."

■ NEW West Brom boss Ron Wylie has appointed Mike Kelly as first team coach at the Hawthorns. Mike is a former coach with Portsmouth, Birmingham, Crystal Palace and Fulham.

Todd's off!

COLIN Todd, Nottingham Forest's new £65,000 defender, had the rather dubious distinction of being the first Division One player to be sent off for a professional foul.

The former England player received his marching orders on his home debut against Manchester United for deliberate handball.

But it was Sheffield United's Paul Garner and Northampton goalkeeper Neil Freeman who fell first victims of the new clampdown on the first day of the season.

Defender Garner was sent off for deliberate hands as the Fourth Division champions crashed 4-1 at Portsmouth, and goalkeeper Freeman marked his debut for Northampton by taking an early bath in the 1-1 draw at Wimbledon.

But Fourth Division Peterborough topped the lot with both central defenders sent off within the space of two minutes at Stockport. Young Trevor Slack and new signing Neil Firm both received their marching orders, but not for professional fouls.

ROSS WARNS SOARAWAY WATFORD . . .

WATFORD striker Ross Jenkins warns: "Don't get carried away with our early season success."

'The Hornets' are buzzing after celebrating their First Division debuts with victories over West Ham and Southampton.

But Ross, who has been with the club since their Fourth Division days, says: "We've got to keep our feet firmly on the ground."

"We've been encouraged by our opening games but it's no good getting over-confident. We know we've still got a lot of hard work to do."

"At least those victories showed us that we've got nothing to be afraid of in the First Division. The results have given us belief in

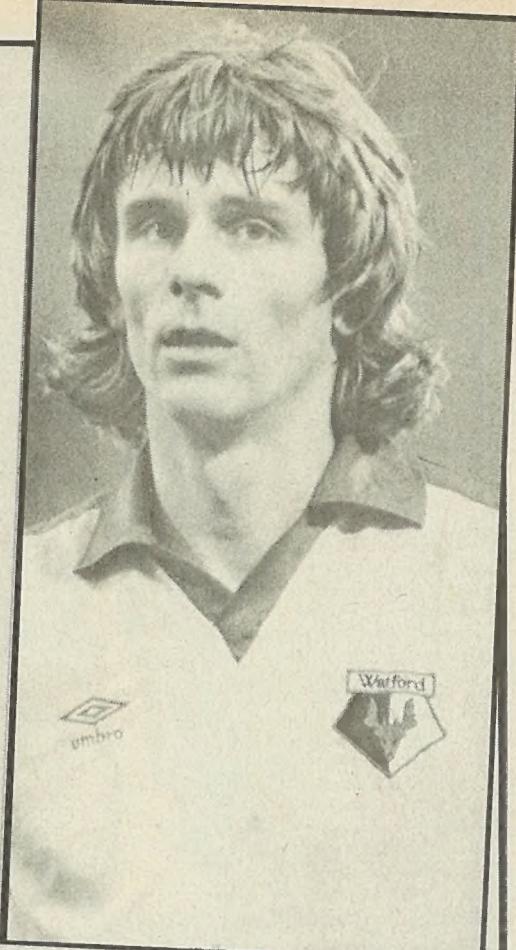
ourselves.

"Over the years, we've had a good record against teams from the top flight in cup competitions, but those were one-off victories. It's going to be a different proposition playing top quality teams week-in and week-out."

Ross, who joined Watford from Crystal Palace, celebrates ten years with the club in November. During that time, he has made more than 300 League appearances and scored over 100 goals.

"It's great to be playing in the First Division. We've come a very long way since I first signed for the club."

"The credit for Watford's meteoric rise to Division One is down to manager Graham Taylor. He's done a magnificent job at Vicarage Road."



Ross Jenkins — "We've got to keep our feet firmly on the ground."

MATCH CHAT

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

Morley presses on!

FIGHTING talk from Aston Villa winger Tony Morley who was unlucky to miss England's World Cup trip to Spain . . .

"I'm determined that this is going to be my season," says the dashing forward.

"I thought I'd done enough to go to Spain with England. I'd even done my ironing for the trip. It was a bitter disappointment to miss out."

"But I'm going to fight my way back and prove that I really am the best wide man in the country."



THIS is not Steve Wicks' idea of getting plastered!

But a training injury in pre-season has forced the Queen's Park Rangers defender to miss the opening weeks of the campaign.

Skipper Glenn Roeder (left) and striker Clive Allen sign on the plaster to remind Steve they haven't forgotten him.

THE STORY OF SPURS

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The Hamlyn Group have also published two other soccer books to coincide with the start of a new season.

There's "Spain 82: The Winning of the World Cup" which has more than 200 full colour pictures in its spectacular coverage of the World Cup Finals last summer. It's priced at £12.95.

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The other is Private Eye's "Colemanballs", an amusing look at comments television and radio commentators didn't mean to say.

For example, Jimmy Armfield is reported to have said: "I'd like to have seen Tony Morley left on as a down-and-out winger."

NEWCASTLE 1 Q.P.R. 0
Football League, Division Two, Saturday, August 28, 1982.

KEVIN Keegan announced his arrival on Tyneside in irresistible style.

More than 36,000 fans packed Newcastle's St James' Park to hail their new saviour on the opening day of the season.

And the England skipper made it a dream debut for his new club. In the 60th minute, a Chris Waddle throw-in on the right found full-back John Craggs whose long pass was aimed towards Keegan.

His back-header fell to Imre Varadi whose headed flick left Keegan in the few yards of space he needed.

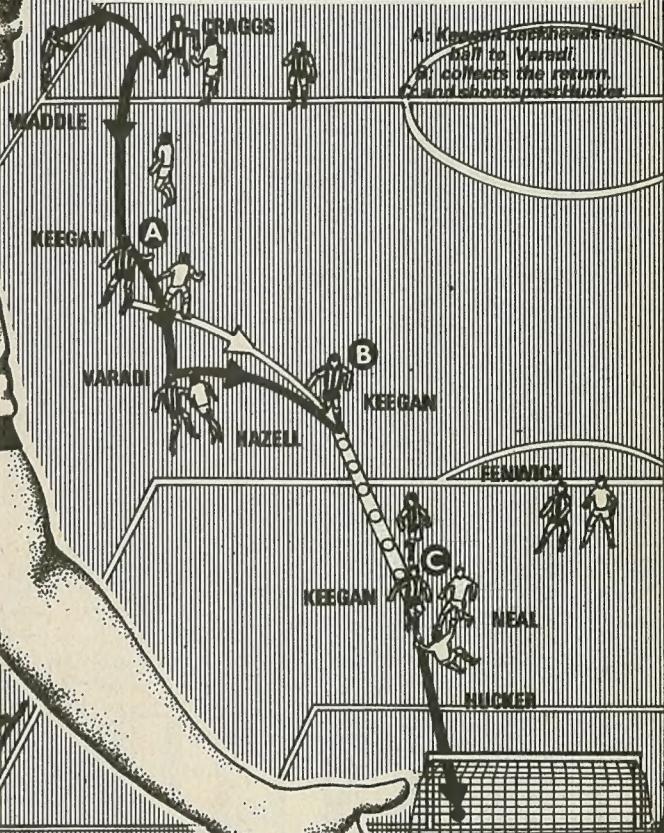
It was a tense moment as the massed fans roared him goalwards but Keegan kept his cool when confronted by Rangers' Peter Hucker to flick the ball past the goalkeeper's left hand.

The scenes of jubilation that followed topped anything on opening day as the Geordie fans went wild with delight and Keegan himself celebrated like a man who had scored the winning goal in a World Cup Final.

Afterwards, the hero of the hour admitted: "In that split-second, when I was going goalwards, I knew I dare not miss.

"The crowd sucked the ball in and when it hit the net it was one of the proudest moments of my life."

GOLDEN GOAL!



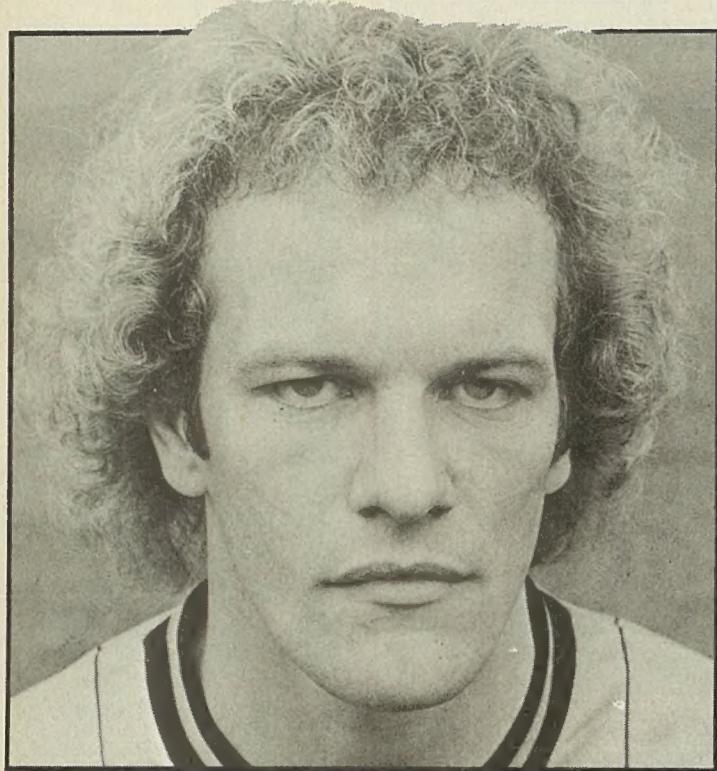
Right: Kevin Keegan fires home the winning goal against Q.P.R. on his League debut for Newcastle.

KEVIN KEEGAN

Newcastle United and England

FIERY Scottish striker Andy Gray (below) tells Match Weekly how he almost joined Manchester United and confirms he still wants to leave rejuvenated Wolves.

24 HOURS FROM OLD TRAFFORD



SCOTTISH star Andy Gray wants to leave Wolves despite their flying start in the Second Division.

Andy, who missed the opening two games through suspension, is desperate to return to the top flight.

"It's no secret that I still want to move," says Andy, who scored on his first home appearance of the season in the 5-0 destruction of Charlton.

"Both Derek Dougan and Graham Hawkins know how I feel, but I am under contract for another two years, and, as long as I'm here, I will continue to do all I can for the club."

"I was very close to a move to Manchester United in the close season and it was a big disappointment when it didn't come off."

"I reckon I was only about 24 hours from signing, but Derek Dougan took over and put a block on all transfers."

"I don't hold any bitterness with him over that. You realise in football that certain things happen which are out of your control."

"The club has told me they will accept a realistic bid which I take to be around £300,000."

"Garry Birtles has re-signed for Nottingham Forest for about the same and I don't think I will be any different."

"But won't potential buyers be put off by his long history of injuries?"

"People say I am injury prone but that is ridiculous," Andy thundered.

"I had one bad season at Aston Villa but since then I've not missed many games. Every player gets injured, but when it's Andy Gray it's blown up out of all proportion."

"I twisted my ankle in the game with Charlton and it kept me out the following Saturday."

"But it was the sort of injury I could have picked up walking down the street."

Despite his wish to move on and the club's continuing financial problems, Andy is clearly enjoying life under the "Doog".

"He realises players are the most important part of the club because without them it couldn't exist."

"He socialises with us and has removed the no-go areas we weren't previously allowed. 'Molineux is like a free house



Graham Hawkins . . . the Wolves manager who is highly respected by the players, says Andy Gray.

now and the players appreciate it.

"Graham Hawkins is a quieter fellow but is likeable and well respected. He works hard, demands the same from us and everyone has responded well."

"When we looked at the fixture list at the start of the season, we knew we would have to work hard or end up on our backsides."

"Young lads have come in, done well and things have really taken off."

"The support has been fantastic. Our average gates are 5,000 up on last season and that's a big plus."

"If we keep scoring as we did against Charlton they'll come back in even bigger numbers and that must be good for the club's finances."

"I think players all over the country are now more aware of their responsibilities and that's led to more attacking football and more goals."

Andy still has hopes of rekindling his international career and prays that the standard in the Second Division won't scare off Scotland boss Jock Stein.

"There is a vast difference but it didn't seem to do Trevor Brooking any harm. All I can do is keep scoring and hope he takes note."

"The biggest difference is that games are often won by half time. In the First Division you are never certain of a win until the final whistle."

"We should have scored five in our first game against Blackburn. In our second home game we did just that. It's not so easy in the First — defences are so much harder to break down."

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FORMER Manchester City winger Ian Mellor believes he could be bound for a return to the First Division . . . with unfashionable Bradford.

The free transfer signing from Sheffield Wednesday hasn't given up hope of a return to the top flight and he reckons his best chance of achieving that lies with the newly-promoted Third Division club.

He explains: "Under player-manager Roy McFarland, Bradford are really going places. I believe we have a good chance of being a First Division side within the next five years.

"I'll be disappointed if we don't win promotion to the Second Division this season," says the 32-year-old, who signed for the club in the close season on a two-year contract.

"Bradford may not be a big club but they are big thinkers and they make their players feel important. Much of that is down to the influence of Roy McFarland.

"His professional attitude rubs off on the players and makes them feel good. Whenever the team have to travel away, we stay overnight and we're all kitted out in smart club gear.

"It's all a sign of very good organisation and it impresses the public and inspires the players.

"I'm still hungry to play in the First Division and I'd love to do it with Bradford. In this game, you've got to set yourself high standards.

"If you don't set yourself a target in football, you'd soon lose your ambition and drift out of the game.

"I don't regard my aim as pie-in-the-sky. It's something I'm going to strive for and something I believe I could achieve at 'Valley Parade'.

"Winning promotion to the

GOING PLACES!

It's 71 years since Bradford waved goodbye to the First Division but 'Match' talks to Ian Mellor, who believes they are on their way back . . .



Above: Ian Mellor in action for Sheffield Wednesday last season — "I believe we can be a First Division side within five years."

Third Division was no fluke and I believe this side can only get better.

"We enjoyed a tremendously successful pre-season and went nine games without defeat. We followed it up by winning our opening two League games and that really boosted our confidence."

Ian, who started his career at Maine Road with Manchester City, saw service with Norwich, Brighton and Chester before joining Jack Charlton at Sheffield Wednesday in June 1979.

He admits to being surprised and disappointed when he was given a free transfer by the Hillsborough club in the close season.

"My League appearances for Wednesday last season were restricted to just nine and I didn't really get involved in the first team until half-way through the campaign.

"It was a difficult season for me because I was in and out of the side," says Ian, who made a total 65 League appearances in a Wednesday shirt.

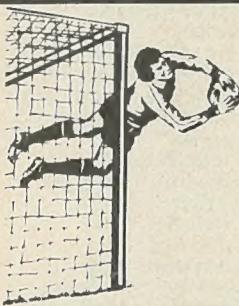
Before the news of his free transfer had reached the Press, Ian had been approached by both Bradford and John Duncan at Fourth Division Scunthorpe for his signature.

"It was a great morale-booster for me to know that clubs were so keen to sign me and I had talks with a number of other teams before deciding who to join.

"In the end, I decided that Bradford had everything going for them."

Ian made an immediate impact on the home fans when he scored on his League debut in Bradford's 3-2 win over Reading.

Scoring on his debut kept up a remarkable record for the lanky winger. He did the same in his first League games for Brighton, Chester and Sheffield Wednesday.



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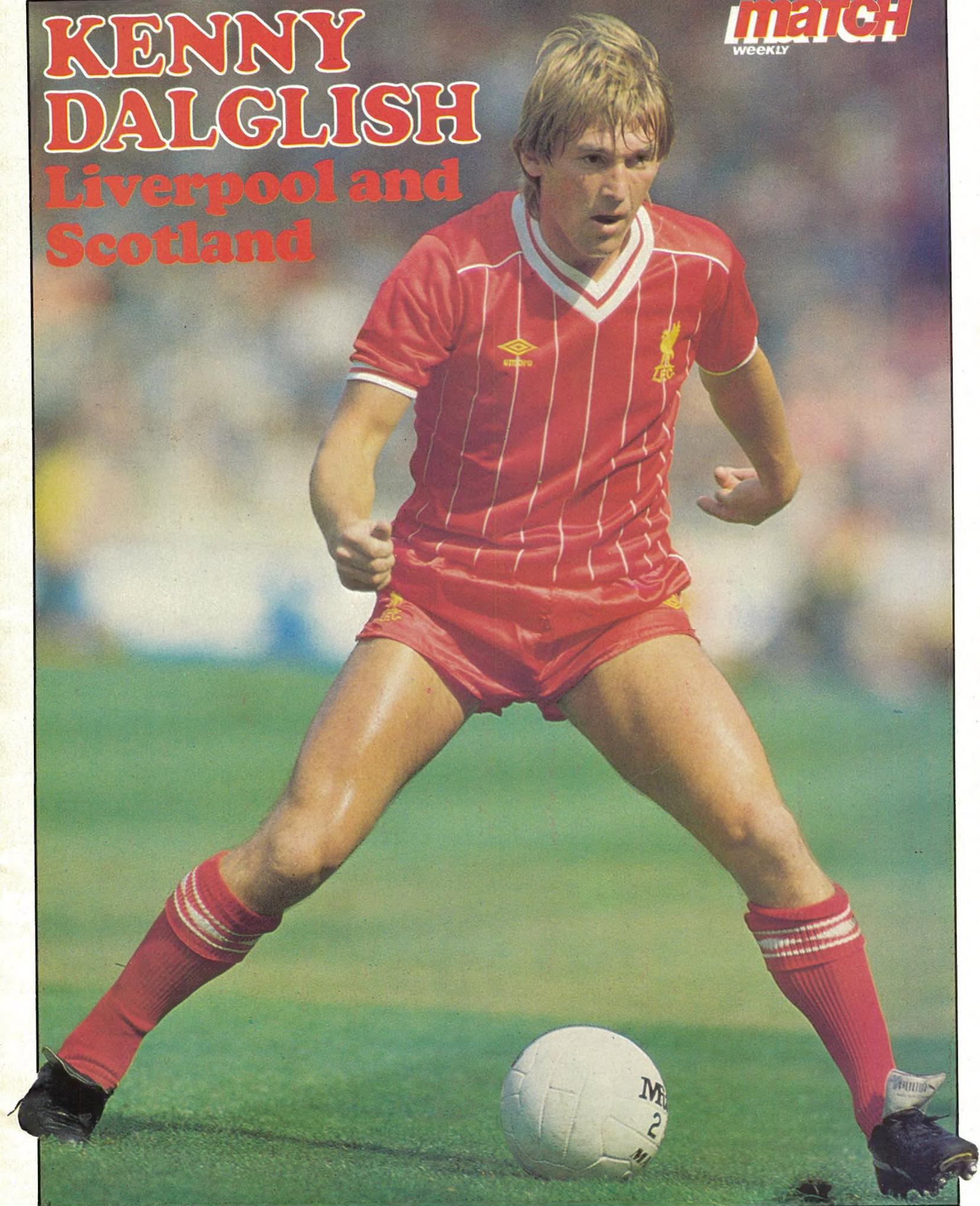
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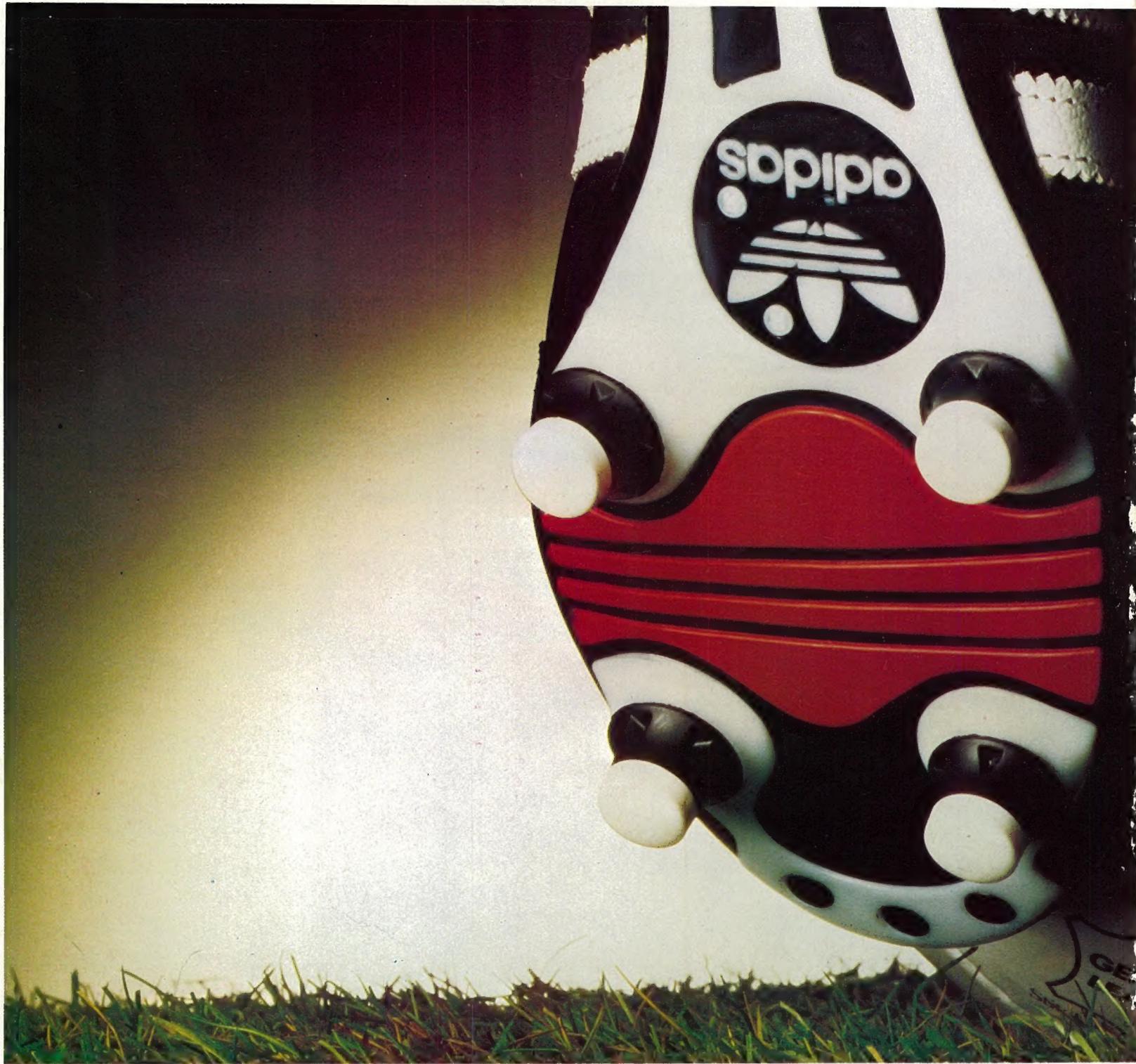
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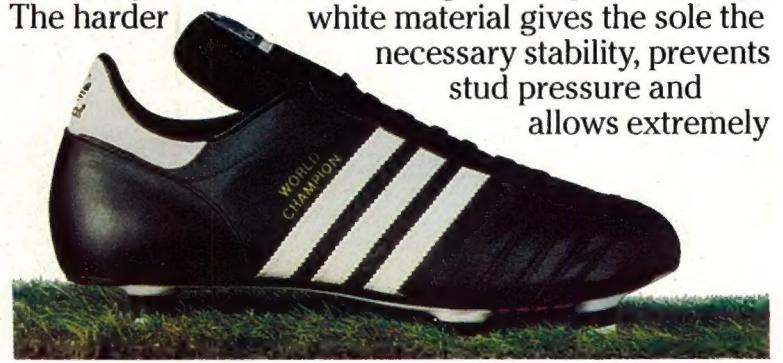
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BARRY VENISON

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HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 10½in/11st 10lb
MARRIED: No
CAR: Cortina
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Apprentice footballer
CLUB NICKNAME: 'Vera'
WORST EVER INJURY: No bad ones yet — I've been lucky.
FAVOURITE BRITISH PLAYER AND WHY: Trevor Francis — he's world class.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Manchester United.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Diego Maradona — he has everything, including youth.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, Cohen, Moore, McFarland, Wilson, Ball (all England), Baxter (Scotland), Charlton R. (England), Best (N. Ireland), Law, Delight (both Scotland)
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks, Kaltz (W. Germany), Passarella (Argentina), Charles (Wales), Wilson (England), Maradona (Argentina), Neeskens (Holland), Charlton R. (England), Pele (Brazil), Cruyff (Holland), Best (N. Ireland).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Maine Road.
BEST GOAL SCORED: My first goal last season when I scored the winner as we beat Man. City 3-2.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Steve Mackenzie's long shot for Manchester City against Spurs in the 1981 FA Cup Final.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: There are quite a few.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My third game last season against Leeds. I marked Peter Barnes and Kenny Burns hurt me with a bad tackle.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Scoring the above winner against Manchester City.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing 5-1 at home to Manchester United last season.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Table tennis, badminton, pool and swimming.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Winning and good food.

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Losing, injuries, smoking and bad manners.

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Benny Hill.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Party political broadcasts.

FAVOURITE READING: Thrillers.

FAVOURITE POP STAR: George Benson.

FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak and onions.

FAVOURITE DRINK: Milk.

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Switzerland.

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Charles Bronson/Bo Derek.

BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: The Warriors.

BEST FRIEND: I hope I have many.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father.

WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Hooliganism, losing.

SUPERSTITIONS: I always put my right boot on before my left.

PRE-MATCH MEAL: Steak.

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: None yet.

PERSONAL AMBITION: To be successful in everything I do.

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play as long as possible and to play for England.

CAREER AFTER PLAYING: No idea.

PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Nick Pickering and John Gray at Sunderland.

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The Arsenal and England midfielder gives his forthright views on the Gunners' start to the season.

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WHAT a nightmare start for Arsenal!

Only one point from our first three matches is hardly the form of Championship contenders.

But, despite defeats by Stoke and Liverpool and a home draw with Norwich, we're still confident we'll be in the title race at the turn of the year.

We were similarly unimpressive at the start of last season when, ironically, we were also beaten by Stoke and Liverpool on the opening two Saturdays.

Yet, after Christmas, we were one of the most consistent teams in the First Division and duly qualified again for a place in the UEFA Cup.

So, don't write us off yet, even though we trailed Manchester City by eight points after the first week.

The Liverpools and Manchester Uniteds of this world know that Arsenal will be breathing down their necks before long.

Despite our lowly League position, our performances weren't that bad.

We produced some neat and tidy approach work and created several chances in all three matches, but it was the old problem of getting the ball into the net.

For instance, we missed two golden chances in the 2-0 home defeat at the hands of Liverpool and paid the price.

You don't get many goalscoring opportunities against them and you have to make even half chances count.

I know that our fans expected our goalscoring problems would be solved overnight with the signings of Tony Woodcock and Lee Chapman.

But, realistically, we knew that it would take time for them to fit into our playing style and get among the goals.

I was talking to England colleague Glenn Hoddle during the World Cup and he reckoned it took Tottenham's two Argentinians, Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricky Villa, almost two years to fully settle into their system.

I know that they were completely foreign to English football, but in many ways Lee and Tony are 'foreign' to our style and system at Arsenal.

And while they have to learn to adapt themselves to a different way of playing, we also have to learn to play to their strengths.

Tony got on the scoresheet in the 1-1 draw with Norwich, and we hope it won't be long before both strikers are regularly hitting the net.

Because the fans are expecting success and goals, everything was rather flat and disappointing after the first week.

We know we have to get things right as quickly as possible and stop giving silly goals away.

Once we do that, and start putting a few away at the other end, then we shall

quickly climb the League ladder.

From my own point of view I have been satisfied with my contribution. I thought I had my best game against Norwich.

I feel very confident about my play in midfield, but I am trying to put more emphasis into getting into goalscoring positions.

It was important for me to play well in my bid to retain my place in the England squad for the European Championship match in Denmark next week.

With England having gone eleven matches without defeat, I don't imagine new England manager Bobby Robson

taking too many chances for such an important game.

But there is no telling at this stage what thoughts are going through his mind. He might be looking two years ahead to the European Championship Finals or four years ahead to the next World Cup Finals.

No-one can feel assured of his place. For instance, I have players like Tony Morley, Glenn Hoddle, Gordon Cowans and Trevor Brooking looking to take over my midfield role.

Reflecting on our opponents in the first week of the season, Liverpool, who won at Highbury for the first time in

eight seasons, underlined their intentions to retain the Championship.

They outplayed us although we had a couple of good chances before David Hodgson put them in front.

People keep saying that Liverpool are the team to beat, and, on the evidence of their Highbury performance, I must endorse that opinion.

They are always a difficult side to play against, and new striker David Hodgson has slotted in well alongside Ian Rush.

I have always rated David. He's pacy and has good control and he forms a very mobile spearhead with young Rush.

We went to Stoke on the opening day of the season full of confidence, but we gave away an early goal to George Berry and their confidence soared.

Sammy McIlroy is proving a big inspiration in midfield with his ability to slow the game down, new winger Mark Chamberlain showed some good touches on his debut, and big Brendan O'Callaghan, who can also play in defence, proved a big problem up front. He scored what proved to be the winning goal.

Although we had a bagfull of chances against Norwich in our second game, they were probably worth their share of the spoils in the end.

They tried to play good football with Martin O'Neill and Mick McGuire key men in midfield, and up front John Deehan and Keith Bertschin ran their legs off.

This weekend, after returning from our UEFA Cup travels to Russia where we faced Moscow Spartak, we take on Notts County at Highbury hoping we can provide our supporters with some success and goals.

Then, the following Saturday, we face one of our 'games of the season' at Manchester United — a clash which is sure to attract the biggest crowd of the day.

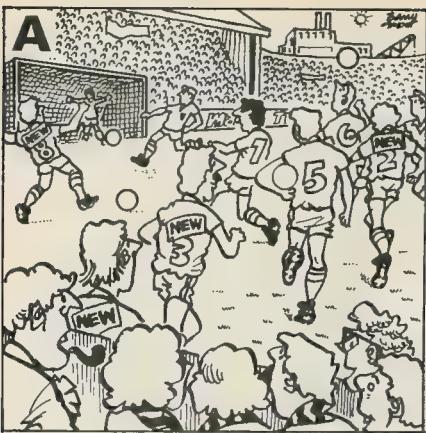
I hope by then we have found an extra gear so that we can prove to everyone we are still one of the teams to fear in the First Division.

Finally, I'm hoping that left-back Kenny Sansom will be fit for the England match after damaging ribs during the game against Norwich.

He did some light training last week and we all hoped he would be available for the trip behind the Iron Curtain.

See you in two weeks ...

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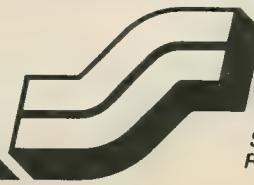
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You may have already played the FREE flexi-disc, which was attached to the front cover of this issue, containing the first three rounds of the quiz.

The final three rounds of the quiz are featured on a second flexi-disc which will be given away with next week's issue.

Here we repeat the questions for the first three rounds and provide a coupon for you to fill in the answers.

But DON'T send in the answers until you have played both records and answered all the questions. The lucky winner will be presented with a video cassette recorder by 'Match' columnist Glenn Hoddle.

So here are the questions for the first three rounds featured on this week's flexi-disc:

Round One

MAGIC MOMENTS

1 Who supplied Ricky Villa with the pass for him to score the winning goal for Spurs in the 1981 FA Cup Final replay against Manchester City?

2 Who replaced Ricky Villa in the 1981 FA Cup Final at Wembley when he was substituted?

3 In the 1981 European Cup Final, who played the one-two pass with John Robertson prior to him scoring the winning goal for Nottingham Forest?

4 Which European capital staged the 1981 European Cup Final?

Round Two

Please name every club taking part in the following extracts. There are seven clubs in all.

Round Three

Please identify the two well-known voices and name the clubs they currently play for?



RIDDLE TIME

I MADE my League debut for Hartlepool as a 16-year-old. I then moved to the Midlands where I helped a team win the League Championship. I had a brief spell with a northern side before returning to the Midlands where I featured in three League Cup Finals and two European Cup Finals. I am now a manager in my own right.

The answer to last week's 'Riddle Time' was: Ray Kennedy, of Swansea.

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ROUND THREE (MYSTERY VOICES)

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TOP PLAYERS SLAM 'GET-TOUGH' LAWS

WAY OUT!

TOP players are crying "foul" over the new hard line being taken by referees this season.

Leicester stalwart Eddie Kelly, an early victim of the new get-tough policy on professional fouls told 'Match':

"Maybe something has got to be done but, in my case, the punishment seemed a bit ridiculous."

I think it will be a five-minute wonder, otherwise there won't be many of us playing at the end of the season!"

Eddie was sent off for deliberate handball towards the end of Leicester's 3-1 victory at Rotherham.

"If I'd been around our own 18-yard box and one of the opposition players had been through, I could probably have

understood it, but I was on the half-way line at the time.

"You could hardly have described it as a goal-scoring chance — not unless there was a Georgie Best on the park!

"I have to admit I was a bit disappointed," says Eddie.

"Handball is a bit different to a bad tackle.

"If a player is being held back by his shirt when he's going through to score then there may be a case, but I would have thought a

booking is punishment enough for handball."

Everton's John Bailey received his marching orders in his side's 3-1 home victory over Spurs on the second Saturday of the season. John followed Tottenham's John Lacy who had earlier been dismissed.

"The referee said it was for a second bookable offence," says John.

"I'd had my name taken for a foul in the first half and during the second period I attempted a slide tackle on Tony Galvin.

"I went for the ball but I got there a bit late and caught him side-on.

"It seems referees are tightening up on everything — throw-ins and the lot."

On the subject of sending-offs for professional fouls, John says:

"It looks like a wrong move. Judging by the number of players who have been sent off so far, I'd say it's a bit controversial."

Eight players were sent off on the second Saturday of the season — the highest total for one day since 1974 — but John warns:

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'We are going to finish up with eight-a-side, games'

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"I wouldn't be surprised if that record is broken before the season is out."

"What do you do if a player is through? As professionals, you have a job to do."

"Referees have to draw the line somewhere but some tackles just have to be made."

"Looking at the situation now, it's got to be a game-spoiler."

"We are going to finish up with eight-a-side games with teams unable to field their best side at the start."

On the brighter side, John is

THERE has been a staggering 16 sendings-off after only two Saturdays of the new season — the most in the League's 94-year history.

And one of the reasons is the Football League's new get-tough policy aimed at eliminating the so-called 'professional foul' with referees instructed to make it a sending-off offence.

Have the League gone over the top? 'Match' put the question to two players who have experienced an early bath already this season.

Here's your guide to the 16 players sent off following the second Saturday of the new season:

John Lacy (Spurs)
John Bailey (Everton)
Dave Swindlehurst (Derby)
John Crabbe (Hereford)
Glenn Humphries (Doncaster)
Alan Whitehead (Brentford)
Kevin Dillon (Birmingham)
Chris Harrison (Plymouth)
Colin Todd (Nott'm Forest)
Brian Marwood (Hull)
Eddie Kelly (Leicester)
Danny Thomas (Coventry)
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Neil Freeman (Northampton)

looking forward to Everton enjoying a good season.

With the team having scored eight goals and collecting six points from the first three matches — including a 5-0 drubbing of European Champions Aston Villa — he says:

"The 2-0 defeat at Watford on opening day apart, it's been a fabulous start. The boys are really buzzing."

"We've scored a few goals, we've been knocking the ball around nicely and it's just a matter of keeping the consistency going and not letting it go to our heads."

"We haven't changed our style from last season in any major way but, with the addition of Kevin Sheedy from Liverpool and Andy King back from West Brom, we've got a great midfield this term."

"Kevin has given us a better balance on the left side and 'Kingy' has brought so much enthusiasm back. He gets everyone buzzing."

The players are desperate to bring honours to Goodison Park this season and they'd love nothing more than to claim the League Championship trophy currently held by Merseyside rivals Liverpool.

"It's always important to both the fans and the players to put one over on Liverpool and the title is within our grasp if we can play as we have been playing."

FOOTNOTE: A player is normally deemed to have committed a professional foul when he PREVENTS A GOALSCORING CHANCE by unfair means — either by handball or a foul tackle.

John Bailey — "Referees have to draw the line somewhere but some tackles have to be made."



STAR GALLERY



Ayr United's Stuart Rennie has been drawn by Iain Rankin (12) of Motherwell, Lanarkshire, who says: "He's such a reliable keeper and never gives less than 100 per cent."



Sixteen-year-old Lorraine Bowen of Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, drew this picture of Aston Villa's Gary Shaw (left) and says of the young striker: "Gary played a major role when Villa won the Championship and his outstanding natural ability could prove a great asset to England in the future."

Steve Archibald of Spurs (right) is "the best player in Division One and a great goalscorer", according to Mark Durrant of Lee, London.



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THE STEVE COPPELL COLUMN

The England favourite looks ahead to the crucial opening game in the European Championship... and

gives his exclusive verdict on Manchester United's start to the season.

ROBSON'S REGULARS

ENGLAND WILL KEEP SAME FACES FOR VITAL CLASH WITH DANES

DON'T expect many changes when new England manager Bobby Robson announces his side for the European Championship qualifying match in Denmark next week.

Although I have not had many dealings with him in the past, I can't imagine him being a man eager to take chances in such an important fixture.

Had it been a friendly match, then he might have been tempted to introduce one or two new faces.

But he will be eager to make an instant impression, and that's why I believe he will rely mainly on the World Cup players for this tough baptism.

Changes

It's a game that England can't afford to lose if we are to make the Finals in two years' time.

There is no doubt he possesses his own ideas, but the changes he makes will almost certainly be on a gradual scale.

Let's face it, there are not many changes he can make at this stage with England unbeaten for twelve months.

Although several players were regarded as being in the twilight of their careers when going to the World Cup Finals, there are quite a number who will still be around in 1986.

From my point of view, I shall be more than happy to retain my place in the squad.

That's all one can hope for when a new manager takes over.

But I am pleased that he has retained the services of Don Howe as coach for he has been a big influence on England's recent revival.

Don received unfair criticism after England had failed to reach the Semi-Finals in Spain.

If you had been offered our set of World Cup results twelve months earlier, I think most England fans would have been satisfied.

As it was, we probably ought to have done much better in the Finals, and Don appeared to carry most of the criticism.

If we are to qualify for the European Championship Finals, then we must look to take maximum points from our games with Denmark.

But they proved a problem to us in the last European Championship when we only pipped them 4-3 and 1-0.

They are one of those emerging countries with a lot of good players dotted around Europe.

If those players are holding their own with their clubs in Spain, West Germany and Austria, then they should be able to hold their own on the international stage.

Players like Frank Arneson and Allan Simonsen are quality performers but, with so many of their stars playing around Europe, Denmark's big problem is getting them all together often enough.

Although Hungary are regarded as the main threat to our chances of winning the section, I can imagine that the visit to Greece may prove the most difficult game of all.

Having beaten Hungary twice in the World Cup build-up, we have nothing to be frightened of there, but playing in Greece could be a different matter because of the volatile nature of their fans.

Back on the domestic front, Manchester United made an impressive start to the season... for the first two and a half games, at least.

Up to the second half showing at West Brom, when we let our concentration slip, culminating in a 3-1 defeat, we looked right on course in the title race.

We played well in the 3-0 wins over Birmingham and Nottingham Forest, and were worth our 1-0 half-time lead at West Brom.

Guilty

But we suffered a temporary setback in the second half at The Hawthorns and were guilty of giving away three goals.

If a paper cup was awarded at the start of the season for the team with the strongest squad, then I'm sure we would have been the winners.

But we have to prove it on the field over 42 games and nine gruelling months.

Arnold Muhren has slotted well into midfield, giving the impression that he has been an Old Trafford player for years, and young Norman Whiteside is completely bellying his 17 years.

If he keeps progressing the way he is, then he is going to be among the top First Division strikers for the next ten years or

so. Although he rose quickly to fame in Northern Ireland's World Cup squad, he has kept his feet firmly on the ground and I can't see anything stopping him from becoming one of the top scorers in the First Division for several years to come.

His striking partner Frank Stapleton has already gone on record as saying that he feels more confident playing alongside Norman than he did with Garry Birtles.

Frank never really developed a good understanding with Garry, but Norman is more of a team player and, at United, we believe in strikers hunting in pairs.

I think Garry Birtles was relieved when he was eventually re-signed by Nottingham Forest.

I don't think he ever wanted to leave Forest in the first place, and he spent a lot of his spare time in Nottingham.

But, although he never settled into the United system, I believe that he could prove to be one of the bargain buys of the season.

He'll score goals in the right set-up, and he is more likely to do that at Forest than United.

His style is more suited to Forest where he has been used in the past as a lone raider.

See you again soon.



● Steve Coppell was talking to Melvyn Beck.

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WHAT a dream start I've had with Manchester City... but I know I can do a lot better.

Two goals in my opening two League games, the first within three minutes of my debut at Norwich, is almost boys' comic material.

Yet, in my heart of hearts, I know I haven't done myself justice by playing with a damaged right ankle.

I believe the fans accepted that I was reduced to half pace by this nagging injury in the first four matches.

I know I didn't play well in those games, although I was fortunate to score two goals which had the effect of lifting some of the pressure.

Now I have to accept that it may take a period of rest and intensive treatment to rectify the damage and get me back to the form I know I'm capable of.

But it was a tremendous first week for me at City with those two goals and the club at the top of the First Division, a position I was in with West Ham at the same period last year.

Although our opening sequence of three successive victories came to grief at Notts County with a 1-0 defeat, the players are more than satisfied with the start.

We have a fairly limited staff in terms of other leading First Division clubs with several players, including myself, Kevin Bond and Dennis Tueart all affected by injuries.

If we can maintain our high position after the initial burst of midweek games, then I'm sure we will be in a good position to challenge for honours.

The loss of big Joe Corrigan with a dislocated shoulder is obviously a major blow because he was in brilliant form.

He sustained the injury in only the third minute against Watford at Maine Road, yet full back Bobby McDonald managed to keep a clean sheet.

He had an unbelievable game in goal. Although he had his share of luck, which every stand-in 'keeper needs, he produced some brilliant saves to keep Watford at bay and enable us to take over at the top of the table.

I can never remember seeing a more outstanding performance by an emergency goalkeeper.

He claimed afterwards that he didn't enjoy the experience, but we had him to thank in the end for our 1-0 victory.

The crucial goal came from Dennis Tueart, his first since sustaining a serious injury at the end of last year.

City need a fully fit Dennis in the side, and he is now getting close to recovering the kind of form that put him among the goals early last season.

Looking back on my two goals, the first against my old club Norwich was brilliantly engineered on the right by Kevin Reeves and Graham Baker.

I lost my marker in the penalty area, and Graham's

DREAM START

But I can do better!



THE DAVID CROSS COLUMN

neat chip gave me a simple task at the far post.

I also scored a quick goal on my home debut against Stoke.

It came just thirty seconds into the second half and followed a mistake by Stoke's young central defender Hugh McAughtrie.

It's the third time I've scored on my home debut for a new club, Rochdale and Coventry being the other two.

But in the end my ankle injury eventually caught up with me during the 1-0 defeat at Notts County and I had to leave the field after an hour.

It was a very hard game against County, who play five men across the back and are content to keep playing the ball back towards their own goalkeeper.

Keeping possession at the back makes it a tiring exercise

for strikers, although I don't think City fans would appreciate that kind of rather negative approach from us at home.

But County are quite effective in what they do and in the end they took maximum points.

Two of our first four games were against promoted sides in Norwich and Watford.

Norwich were very nervous on the opening day, and their condition wasn't helped when I scored after only three minutes.

But once they start believing in themselves, I'm sure they will do reasonably well.

I was very impressed with left back Greg Downs and strikers John Deehan and Keith Bertschin are prepared to run all day.

With Mick McGuire and Martin O'Neill prompting in midfield, they have the makings of a good side once they get confident.

Although Watford were not at their best against us at Maine Road, it wouldn't surprise me if they won the championship at the first attempt.

They have been on the up and up since manager Graham Taylor took over. They have a simple style and work hard for each other.

In the past they have turned over several First Division sides with Graham Taylor hammering home the point of them being underdogs.

But, with Joe Corrigan injured so early against them, it made us the underdogs on the day, and that injury probably worked against them.

In the end it was the least effective performance I have witnessed from a Watford team in four or five seasons of playing against them.

I hope I can recover from my ankle injury in time to visit my old club West Ham next Saturday.

I'm really looking forward to returning to Upton Park to meet up again with some of the friends I never had chance to talk to before my summer move.

I don't know what kind of reception I will get from the fans, but in the five years I was there they gave me terrific encouragement, and with manager John Lyall and the rest of the staff, helped me score nearly 100 senior goals for the club.

But my feelings for the club and the fans won't prevent me from trying to score for my new club, although no doubt Billy Bonds or Alvin Martin will be attempting to do something about that.

• David Cross was talking to Melvyn Beck



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"You've got to stamp on them . . . well, not literally stamp on them," — Brian Clough.
Sarah Hamilton (13), Cheshunt, Herts.

WHAT was Luton's Jake Findlay thinking of when he said in 'Match' that Yorkshire clubs will dominate the Second Division this season.

Jake included Leeds, Sheffield Wednesday and Barnsley as promotion contenders but he didn't even mention Rotherham!

Surely, of the Yorkshire challenge, Rotherham stand just as good a chance as the others. They finished so well in the Second Division last term and have two tremendous players in Paul Stancliffe and Tony Towner. And didn't Ronnie Moore finish up as top scorer in Division Two last season?

When Rotherham gain promotion next May, people will have to sit up and take notice of Emlyn Hughes' super team. Amanda Best, Kemberworth, Rotherham.

I WOULD like to say how pleased I was to see Norman Whiteside partnering Frank Stapleton up front in Manchester United's first League game of the season.

Norman is the man in form and should keep the job.

Martin Jamieson, Coleraine, Northern Ireland.

● I DON'T suppose that as Norman is a Northern Ireland player, there's any bias on your part?

I'M very annoyed with Jimmy Greaves. He said on TV and in the press that if Nottingham Forest aren't in the bottom six in the First Division by Christmas, he'll pay £100 to charity.

He shouldn't say things like that. I hope he has to pay up. Russell Hobbs, Solihull, West Midlands.

● JIMMY must like throwing his money around.

MY sister and I had great fun collecting quotes during the TV coverage of the World Cup Finals.

Here are three examples:

"It should have been a penalty, like the one that wasn't given in the first half" — Jimmy Hill.

"It's as positive as possible that he appears to be likely to take the job," — David Coleman talking about Bobby Robson's imminent appointment as England manager.

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IS IT any wonder that the fans are deserting Scottish soccer when so many stars cross the border to play football in England.

Take a look at the two fabulous teams I have compiled from Scottish exiles: TEAM A: George Wood (ex-East Stirling), Neil Orr (ex-Morton), Martin Buchan (ex-Aberdeen), Gordon McQueen (ex-St Mirren), Alan Hansen (ex-Partick), Archie Gemmill (ex-St Mirren), Des Bremner (ex-Hibs), Kenny Dalglish (ex-Celtic), Steve Archibald (ex-Aberdeen), Graeme Sharp (ex-Dumbarton), Arthur Graham (ex-Dumbarton). TEAM B: Dave Stewart (ex-Ayr), Ray Stewart (ex-Dundee Utd), Ian Munro (ex-St Mirren), Alan Evans (ex-Dunfermline), Willie Young (ex-Aberdeen), Neil McNab (ex-Morton), Lou Macari (ex-Celtic), Sandy Clarke (ex-Airdrie), Joe Jordan (ex-Morton), Andy Gray (ex-Dundee Utd), Tommy Hutchison (ex-Alloa). *K. Gallagher, Inverclyde, Scotland.*



Manchester United's Gordon McQueen — it's little wonder so many fans are deserting Scottish soccer when players like Gordon leave for England, says K. Gallagher.

JUVENTUS must be the best team in Europe.

Why? Well, they've got Dino Zoff who, at 40, is still one of the greatest goalkeepers in the world.

Then, in defence, they have players such as Claudio Gentile and Antonio Cabrini, with Scirea at sweeper.

Juventus can also boast Marco Tardelli, Roberto Bettega and the

star of the World Cup Finals, Paolo Rossi.

Add new recruits Zbigniew Boniek and Michel Platini and who can argue that Juventus aren't the kings of Europe? *Anthony Gray, Milton, Oxon.*

● **AS European Cup holders, Aston Villa can make out a pretty good case.**

I'M getting sick and tired of Brian Clough's funny remarks about people like Justin Fashanu and John Robertson.

If Clough wants a real laugh, he should take a look at his own performance as Nottingham Forest's boss. Now there's a REAL laugh!

D. Morton, Rickmansworth, Herts.

● **CLOUCHIE can afford to smile after winning the European Cup — twice — the League Championship and the League Cup — twice.**

WHAT does the future hold for Liverpool now that Bob Paisley has said he will retire at the end of the season?

If Liverpool appoint somebody from within the club, who knows how Anfield operates, then I think Liverpool's success story will continue.

But if Liverpool appoint someone from outside Anfield, it could mean that their reign as Britain's premier club comes to an end.

John Carson, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear.

● **SO you don't think John Toshack knows his way round Anfield?**

'MATCH' certainly lives up its reputation as the up-to-date football magazine.

I bought a copy on August 26 and was surprised to see that the Charity Shield match between Liverpool and Tottenham was featured in a two-page colour special.

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John D. Smith, Gosport, Hampshire.

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THANK heavens for chairmen like Brighton's Mike Bamber.

He has done football a good turn by turning down Steve Foster and Mike Robinson, who wanted fatter pay packets.

As I am a Brighton supporter, I would hate to see these fine players leave the club but they already earn quite enough.

If they were paid more, supporters would have to pay more at the turnstiles and many fans wouldn't bother to show up. Attendances are already low and greedy players could make the figures even lower.

More chairmen should follow Mike Bamber's example.

James O'Flinn, Brighton, East Sussex.

GOLDEN GOOF

"I KNOW clubs are cutting down on players," says David Blunden of Sheffield, "but don't you think Arsenal have gone a bit too far, according to this newspaper cutting?"

worked out," said Arsenal secretary Ken Friar who left London Airport with manager Terry Neil and a party of 1½ players.

WHY is it that ambitious non-League clubs like Scarborough and Yeovil still can't get into the Football League?

It's about time that the dead wood, like Rochdale, Crewe and Scunthorpe, were booted out of the League. They always finish near the bottom.

Next time around, the League must see sense and accept these non-Leaguers or form a Fifth Division so that these worthwhile teams get their deserved chance.

● *P. Baxter, Morton, West Carlisle.*

YOU may like to know who the players' favourite Football League player is . . . the answer is Kenny Dalglish.

I've bought every 'Match' published and in the special spotlight features, when the players are asked who their favourite League player is, the top ten answers are:

- 1 Kenny Dalglish — 44 votes.
- 2 Kevin Keegan — 18 votes.
- 3 George Best — 15 votes.
- 4 Glenn Hoddle — 12 votes.

- 5 Peter Shilton — 6 votes.
- 6 John Robertson — 6 votes.
- 7 Trevor Brooking — 6 votes.
- 8 Denis Law — 4 votes.
- 9 Alan Ball — 4 votes.
- 10 Liam Brady — 3 votes.

Clive Gordon, Bayswater, London.

IT WAS very sad to hear that Bob Paisley will retire as Liverpool manager at the end of the season.

Bob's departure will be a great loss, not only to Liverpool, but football in general.

He is a terrific manager with a wonderful, modest character and is an excellent representative of British soccer.

He has done a tremendous job at Liverpool following the great Bill Shankly and I hope that he has a successful last season.

Claire Hagen (13), Briston, Norfolk.

LIKE thousands of Leeds United fans, I am disgusted and embarrassed by the handful of hooligans, posing as United supporters, who go on the rampage almost every time Leeds play away from home.

They are a curse on the club. Once, Leeds were famed for their magnificent football. Now, the club has been dragged into the mire by the mindless actions of these hooligans.

They must be weeded out from the genuine support. Only then will Leeds United regain their good name.

Mark Band (16), Bury, Lancashire.



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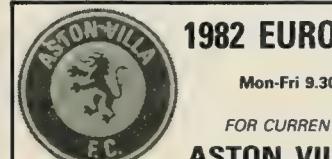
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Frank Carrodus in action for his new club Birmingham — he'd given up all hope of ever playing in the First Division again but a phone call to his former boss changed all that.

I'M a 15-year-old Chelsea fan and would like a pen pal who collects programmes and goes to matches regularly.

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'Match' brings you the inside story behind the double gamble that has earned Frank Carrodus a second chance in the First Division.

JUST a few weeks ago, former Manchester City and Aston Villa star Frank Carrodus faced the grim prospect of joining the dole queue — coupled with the threat of an FA ban for his part in the ill-fated 'rebel' trip to South Africa.

It was a gloomy picture for the two-time League Cup Final winner who became a victim of Wrexham's economic cut-backs at the end of last season.

But 33-year-old Frank has become used to uphill battles during his distinguished career.

During the last of his six years at Villa he overcame three knee operations to dispel doubts about his future in the game.

So, Frank decided to take the initiative in a bid to save his football career for the second time.

And, once again, he has proved successful.

So successful, in fact, that he has returned to the First Division — linking up with his former Villa boss Ron Saunders at Birmingham.

It's a remarkable change of fortune for Manchester-born Frank, who just three years ago was sold by Ron Saunders to Wrexham for £70,000.

"I sat down one day and decided to ring round people I know in the game in a bid to seek employment," says Frank.

"At my age and with a lot of young players out of a job, the prospects of me staying in League football weren't too good even though I have a lot of faith in my ability.

"But I contacted Ron Saunders at Birmingham and he offered me two weeks' training at St Andrews with no promises."

Within days of reporting to the First Division club, Frank was offered a lucrative contract in Hong Kong . . .

"Although Mr Saunders had intimated that he might take me on after the two weeks, there was also the possibility that the FA might not allow me to play in England because of the trip to South Africa.

"But I decided to gamble on Birmingham signing me and the FA allowing me to play, and, it has paid off.

"I only went to South Africa in the summer because I was a free agent and faced the dole. If I had been with a club or had the promise of one, I wouldn't have gone."

Now Frank is desperately trying to prove that he is still a First Division player.

"I was disappointed when I left Villa although I realise that I wasn't fit enough at the time after three knee operations," he says.

"I wanted to play at the highest level possible, and Wrexham were a good bet at the time in the Second.

"It took me a while to recover my fitness and confidence because I had been out of

'REBEL' FRANK BEATS THE BLUES!

football for 14 months before my move.

"Ironically, I had my best season last year only to be released at the end because they couldn't afford to keep me.

"Then, during my two-week trial with Birmingham, Wrexham asked me to re-sign, but I wasn't keen to play in the Third Division if there was a chance of playing in a higher grade.

"Obviously I had given up all hope of playing again in the First Division, even though I have always considered myself good enough to do a job there."

Frank couldn't have had a tougher re-introduction to the big time with opening games against title favourites Manchester United and Liverpool.

"In many respects it's easier playing in the First Division although teams like Liverpool, who are probably the best in Europe, all compete and battle hard for each other.

"We did well to earn a goalless draw against the Champions, and we held Manchester United at Old Trafford in the first half only to fall away in the second and lose 3-0.

"Despite those two results I am still not convinced Manchester United can top Liverpool. At this stage I would back the men from Anfield to retain the title."

GLENN Hoddle is my favourite player and Spurs my top team. I'd like a pen pal who lives in London and can keep me up to date with the news from White Hart Lane.

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I support Leeds, but I'd like a penfriend who follows Bayern Munich.

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LOWE BOB EVERYTHING!

BOB Paisley's retirement as manager of Liverpool at the end of the season will mean 'farewell' to the man I owe everything to.

It was Bob who brought me to Anfield from Middlesbrough and for that, I will always be grateful. If I had stayed at Ayresome Park, I wouldn't have won anything.

But at the moment, I'm not thinking about what it will be like without the 'boss'.

He's told us in no uncertain terms to forget his pending departure and, if anything, he will be pushing us even harder this year.

Of course it would be great to win a trophy at the end of the season to provide him with a fitting farewell.

And people have said it would be nice if we could lift the FA Cup because that's the one domestic trophy to elude him.

But the fact he is planning to retire has not provided the players with any extra incentive to do well.

At Liverpool, we are geared to win trophies every season and we don't need any other incentives — not even the retirement of the manager.

We have certainly made the right kind of start in our bid to retain the title, even though we were still somewhat below our best form in the opening four matches.

We went top of the table after the 4-3 home defeat of Nottingham Forest, but we left it late with myself and Ian Rush scoring goals in the last eight minutes to turn possible defeat into victory.

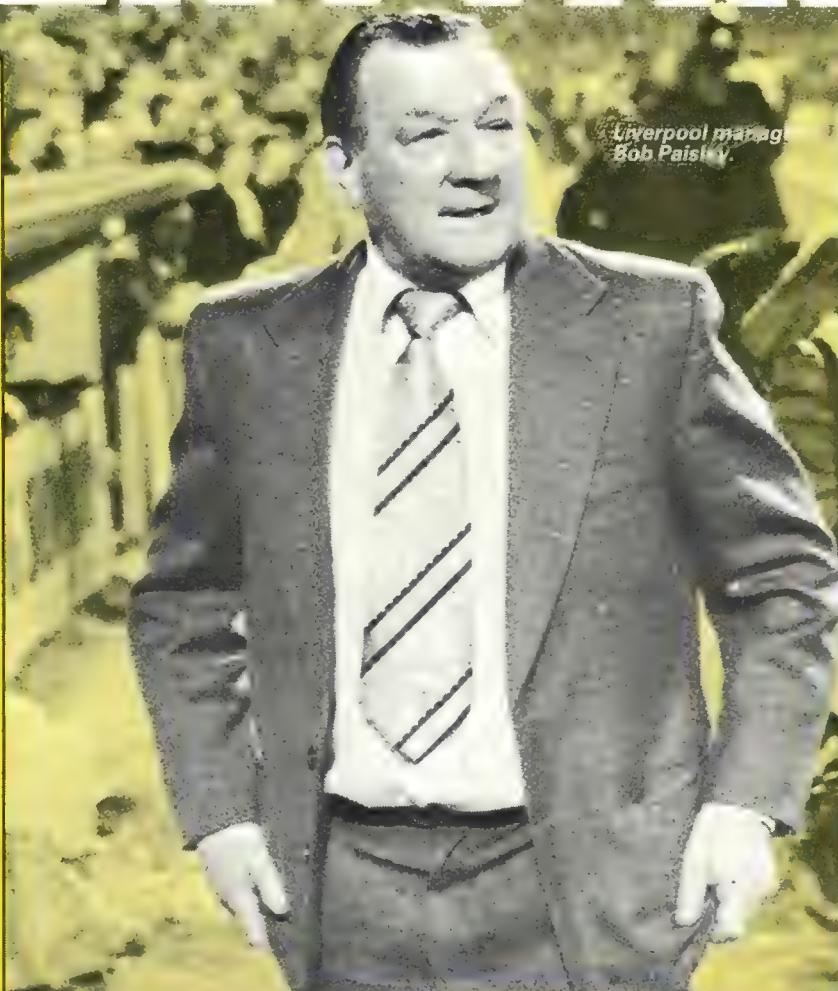
It was our intention to make a better start than last season when we won only one of our first four games.

With three victories and a draw this time, we have achieved that aim.

But form in the opening weeks of the season can be misleading. There is still a long way to go.

Even though we hit the top against Forest, we were rightly criticised by the boss for conceding three goals at home.

We thought Forest would adopt their usual style of trying to close the game up, but they surprised us by their willingness to attack, and it proved a great game for the fans.



My goal, that made it 3-3 with eight minutes left, was a rather fortunate deflection but you have to accept all the luck that is going in this game.

Our two first half goals came from new striker David Hodgson who has fitted in well following his move from my old club Middlesbrough.

I never had any doubts that he would prove a valuable asset. He was a good player in a bad team last season, so he was bound to be a good player in a good team.

He opened his account in the 2-0 win at Arsenal — a result which ended an eight-year spell without success at Highbury.

It was a comfortable win in the end, but we could have turned round two goals down had they accepted two gilt-edged chances. It would then have been a different ball game.

As it is, Arsenal have made a disappointing start to the season, but they have plenty of good players and if they can get their act together I can see them climbing into the top six.

We were satisfied with our point at Birmingham in what was an entertaining game despite the goalless scoreline.

That followed our opening day 2-0 Anfield victory over West Brom.

I was impressed with West Brom's fighting performance and I'm sure they are not going to be worried by relegation fears again this season.

This weekend we travel to Swansea seeking revenge for last season's 2-0 defeat.

They are sure to make it difficult for us again with ex-Liverpool men Ray Kennedy and Colin Irwin in their line-up and keen to do well.

We did chalk up a convincing 4-0 FA Cup Third Round win at the Vetch Field earlier in the year, but this time we are looking to improve our League performance.

As Champions, we are looking to better our points return from all those teams who upset us last season, and Swansea are just one of those.

Another team is Southampton, who visit Anfield the following Saturday.

They toppled us 1-0 in front of our own fans last season with a goal from Steve Moran.

But young Steve is currently recovering from serious injury and, of course, they are minus former Liverpool favourite Kevin Keegan.

However, they now have England's Peter Shilton, who seems to put on inspired performances in front of the 'Kop'.

I just hope we catch him on an off day this time.

Just time to mention the new referees' get-tough policy over professional fouls. It's caused plenty of controversy and I am still to be convinced that it's a good thing for football.

I feel we are going to get a lot of players ordered off who would normally never get into trouble.

Nine times out of ten, the professional fouls are a result of instinct rather than premeditation.

When you handle a ball in the heat of the moment you don't have time to think whether you are stopping a possible goal. It's just an instant reaction.

If this hard-line policy is to bring about some more entertainment for the fans, then all well and good but, at the moment, I have my doubts.

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'SHIRTY' DANIE MAKES AMENDS

ARGENTINA skipper Daniel Passarella is ready to swap his international jersey with Italian winger Francesco Graziani... three months after the sides clashed in the World Cup Finals.

Passarella, now playing in Italy, had refused Graziani's request for his shirt because he was upset with the referee and performance of his team in the 2-1 defeat.

But now he has made a special effort to heal the breach through Argentinian team-mate Daniel Bertoni who plays with Graziani in Fiorentina.

"I have sent a message to Graziani saying that I have reserved the shirt in question for him," says Passarella.

"It is never too late to be a gentleman."

Still on the Argentinian scene, Passarella's international team boss Luis Cesar Menotti has been offered another four-year contract despite his team's poor showing in their defence of the World Cup.

During a holiday in Europe, Menotti indicated that he would probably accept the offer which would extend his spell in charge of the team to 12 years in all.

And he denied rumours that he was in France to take over as manager of French Cup winners Paris St Germain who have signed Osvaldo Ardiles.

After watching Ardiles' debut for the Paris club, Menotti said: "I am here for a friendly visit. No more. I cannot ignore the fact that Paris St Germain already have a good manager and trainer."

Sparkling Bordeaux

FRENCH title favourites Bordeaux roared into the new season with a 3-1 victory over championship rivals Monaco.

Bordeaux, with French World Cup stars Tresor, Girard, Tigana and Giresse in brilliant form, trailed 1-0 at the interval. Their goals came from Lacombe (2) and Muller.

BELGIUM are hoping that the naturalisation of their Spanish-born forward Carlos Lozano, of Anderlecht, will go ahead to allow him to play in the European Championship.

Guy Thys, the Belgium manager, wanted to include Lozano in the World Cup squad, but the papers didn't go through in time.

Daniel Passarella — ready to swap his World Cup shirt three months late.

BERTIE GETS THE VOTE

VETERAN full-back Bertie Vogts is being tipped as a future manager of the West German national side.

Although it is expected that World Cup manager Jupp Derwall will remain in charge during the European Championship, it is likely that Vogts will take over the number two spot in the German set-up.

Meanwhile West German midfield player Hansi Muller, now player for Inter Milan, has been given a special honour.

A new German white wine has been named after him. The wine is called the Hansi Muller Spumante and has been created by the father of Inter Milan's new trainer.

All change at Barcelona ...

BARCELONA is becoming an international trading centre for star players as the Spanish club seeks to establish itself as the top team in the country.

The latest men on the move through Catalonia are Patricio Yanez, the Chilean forward who will be playing for the club's Division Two side Athletico until a first team vacancy arises, and former European Footballer of the Year Alan Simonsen, who could move to England.

And all this follows the £3 million arrival of Argentine star Diego Maradona. His first public appearance for a training session drew a crowd of 60,000!

At the same time, Simonsen's place has been put in doubt because of an injury expected to put him out for two months and the recovery from injury of West Germany star Bernd Schuster.

He was expected to be out until early next year following two knee operations, but he has already resumed training.



STAR CHALLENGE

FIXTURES

Saturday, Sept 18

DIVISION ONE

- Arsenal v Notts Co.
- Birmingham v Coventry
- Everton v Norwich
- Ipswich v Stoke
- Luton v Brighton
- Man. City v A Villa
- Nott'm F v Watford
- Southampton v Man. U.
- Sunderland v Spurs
- Swansea v Liverpool
- W Brom v W Ham

DIVISION TWO

- Barnsley v Burnley
- Blackburn v Leicester
- Bolton v Wolves
- Carlisle v C. Palace
- Charlton v Grimsby
- Chelsea v Oldham
- Leeds v Derby
- Middlesbrough v Fulham
- O.P.R. v Sheff. W.
- Rotherham v Cambridge
- Shrewsbury v Newcastle

DIVISION THREE

- Bristol R v Lincoln
- Exeter v Preston
- Millwall v Bradford
- Newport v Huddersfield
- Oxford v Portsmouth
- Reading v Chesterfield
- Sheff. Utd v Plymouth
- Southend v Doncaster
- Walsall v Cardiff
- Wigan v Bournemouth
- Wrexham v Gillingham

DIVISION FOUR

- Blackpool v Wimbledon
- Halifax v Aldershot
- Hereford v Mansfield
- Hull v Hartlepools
- Peterborough v Bury
- Pot Vale v Chester
- Rochdale v Swindon
- Torquay v Darlington
- Tranmere v Stockport

SCOTTISH PREMIER

- Dundee v Morton
- Hibernian v Dundee U.
- Motherwell v Celtic
- Rangers v Kilmarnock
- St Mirren v Aberdeen

FIRST DIVISION

- Airdrie v Partick
- Ayr v Hamilton
- Clyde v Clydebank
- Dumbarton v Dunfermline
- Falkirk v Hearts
- Raith v Queen's Pk.
- St Johnstone v Alloa

SECOND DIVISION

- Arbroath v E. Stirling
- Berwick v Stirling
- Cowdenbeath v Sten'muir
- Meadowbank v Brechin
- Montrose v Albion
- Queen of S. v E. Fife
- Stranraer v Forfar

Sunday, Sept 19

DIVISION THREE

- Orient v Brentford

DIVISION FOUR

- Northampton v Bristol C.
- Scunthorpe v York

Wednesday, Sept. 22

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION

- Alloa v Raith
- Clydebank v Airdrie
- Dunfermline v St Johnstn
- Hamilton v Falkirk
- Hearts v Dumbarton
- Partick v Clyde
- Queen's Pk v Ayr

SECOND DIVISION

- Albion v Queen of S.
- Brechin v Cowdenbeath
- E. Fife v Montrose
- E. Stirling v Stranraer
- Forfar v Berwick
- Sten'muir v Arbroath
- Stirling v Meadowbank

Friday, Sept. 24

DIVISION FOUR

- Stockport v Northampton

Here are the ten selected matches for this week, together with the predictions of a lucky 'Match' reader and his famous opponent. There's a space for you to fill in your predictions and a column for



England and West Brom striker Cyrille Regis (right) takes on 'Match' reader Andrew Lockley (above) in this week's 'Star Challenge'.

THIS WEEK'S GUEST



CYRILLE REGIS

and any reader who manages to beat a star will be awarded a special 'Star Challenge' certificate to mark his or her achievement.

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This week's exciting challenge brings Cyrille Regis up against West Brom fan Andrew Lockley of Woodcross, West Midlands, and you can see their predictions in the special panel (left).

If you would like to take part in 'Star Challenge', all you have to do is write in enclosing your name, age, address — together with a black and white photograph of yourself — and, most importantly, a home telephone number.

All the entries we receive will be kept in a special file and each week one lucky reader will be picked out.

If you are lucky, someone from the 'Match Weekly' office will telephone you with the ten selected matches and ask for your predictions over the phone.

So get your entries in NOW and don't forget to name your favourite team and favourite players.

Write to 'Star Challenge', Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ.

● Congratulations to 'Match' reader Robert Derry of Neatherstone, Warwickshire, who beat Aston Villa star Tony Morley by five points to three on Saturday, Sept. 4.

Match	Reader's forecast	Star's forecast	Your forecast	Result
Arsenal v Notts Co.	2-1	2-0		
Birmingham v Coventry	1-0	2-2		
Everton v Norwich	3-1	1-0		
Ipswich v Stoke	2-0	3-1		
Luton v Brighton	2-0	2-1		
Man. City v Aston Villa	1-1	1-1		
Nott'm Forest v Watford	1-1	1-0		
Southampton v Man. Utd	1-2	0-2		
Sunderland v Spurs	0-1	0-3		
Swansea v Liverpool	0-2	0-1		



'OUR BIG TEST'

ASTON Villa skipper Dennis Mortimer has hit back at the knockers followers the European Champions' disastrous start to the new season.

Three successive defeats, including a 5-0 drubbing at Everton — their worst result since they returned to the First Division in 1975 — left the Midlands side rock bottom on the eve of their defence of the European Cup.

But while the critics have already written off Villa as a major force this season, long-serving Mortimer feels they will make them eat their words before the winter is through.

"I still feel there are a lot of exciting

Left: Dennis Mortimer — "There are a lot of exciting things to come for us this term."

SPOTLIGHT on Villa Park and Dennis Mortimer talks of the battle facing the champions of Europe

things to come for us this term," predicts the 30-year-old midfield player.

"We have always been a side with a strong defence, but so far our defence hasn't played well, and if we don't get that area right, then we will have problems.

"But there are still plenty of games left and, if we can quickly get our game together, then I still think we can have another successful season.

"It's important now that we don't lose confidence. Once a team loses that, then they lose games."

"Our manager, Tony Barton, had a tremendous start with us winning the European Cup but now this poor start will be the big test.

"It is strong management which will sort out the problem and I think he'll get it right and prove, without doubt, that he's the right man for the job.

"In the past few seasons, we have been lucky that we have had a number of good players who blended well.

"Players like Gordon Cowans, Gary Shaw, Tony Morley, Allan Evans and Peter Withe gave us the basis of a good side.

"Hopefully, we will get back to that standard. It was only last season that a number of our players got international call-ups."

Although unlucky to be overlooked by England himself, Mortimer is well satisfied with his success at Villa over the past two seasons.

"Even though I never made the England side, I'm very happy to have done well at a club like Villa in winning the Championship and the European Cup.

"Despite our bad start, we'll be fighting for both those competitions. It would be good to be in the League Championship race again after failing to get involved last season.

"Winning it this season would prove to everybody that it was not a flash in the pan."

"The main challengers could well be Manchester United. The players they have brought to the club during the close season have given them one of the strongest squads in the country.

"Liverpool, as Champions, will be hard to stop, and Tottenham, if they can make up for the loss of Ossie Ardiles, must have a great chance.

"One other side I'll be looking for is Swansea. They were the surprise team last season and they could do well again this time. They're a good, attacking side with players like Alan Curtis and the James' boys, Robbie and Leighton.

"From our point of view, we also have the European Super Cup clash with Barcelona and the World Club Championship clash in Tokyo to look forward to.

"And it would be marvellous to retain the European Cup and emulate the feats of Nottingham Forest and Liverpool."

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Sunday, Sept. 5
Division Three

MILLWALL (0) 0
CARDIFF (2) 4 (Lewis 2, Bennett, D 43, 52, Gibbins 67)
Att: 5,620
Millwall: Sansome 6, Stevens 7, Robinson 7, Chatterton 6, Allardice 7, Roberts 7, Hayes 7, Neal 7 (sub. Horrix 7), **AYLOTT** 8, Martin 7, West 6.
Cardiff: Thomas 8, Bennett, G 7, Bodin 7, Micallef 8, Pontin 7, Mullen 7, **BENNETT**, D 9, Tong 7, Gibbins 7, Hemmerman 7, Lewis 8 (sub. Dwyer 7).
Referee: H. Taylor (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★★★

Monday, Sept. 6
Division Three

SOUTHEND (1) 2 (Yates 32, Greaves 89)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 0
Att: 2,836
Southend: Cawston 8, Stead 8, Yates 8, Otuakowski 7, Moody 8, **HADLEY** 9, Pountney 7, Phillips 8, Greaves 6, Pennyfather 7, Nelson 8.
Chesterfield: Turner 8, Bellamy 6, Partridge 7, **WILSON** 9, Green 7, Henson 8, Robinson 6 (sub. O'Neill 6), Henderson 5, Dawson 6, Kowalski 6, Windridge 5.
Referee: T. G. Bune (Yattendon)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Four

POR Vale (0) 0
COLCHESTER (0) 0
Att: 2,877
Port Vale: Siddall 7, Tatt 7, Bromage 7, Hunter 7, Sproson 7, Cegielski 6, Chamberlain 5, Moss 6, Armstrong 6, Ridley 5, **SHEDDON** 8.
Colchester: **WALKER** 8, Cook 7, Coleman 6, Groves 7, Wignall 6, Hunter 6, Allinson 6, Osborne 6, Lyons 8, McDonough 6, Leslie 6.
Referee: V. Callow (Solihull)
Match Rating: ★★

TRANMERE (2) 3 (Hamilton 24, Powell 45, Hutchinson 52)
MANSFIELD (0) 0
Att: 1,280
Transmire: Endersby 7, Burgess 6, Mooney 6, Parry 6, Hamilton 7, Williams 6 (sub. McKenna), Powell 7, Hutchinson 6, Kerr 7, Ferguson 6, **GRIFFITHS** 8.
Mansfield: **ARNOLD** 7, Bell 5, Kennedy 6, Day 5, Bird 6, Ayre 6, Matthews 5, Caldwell 6, Waddell 6, Dungworth 5 (sub. Nicholson 5), Laidlaw 5.
Referee: D. Richardson (Great Harwood)
Match Rating: ★★★★

SCOTTISH
League Cup
Sectional Play-Off,
First Leg

KILMARNOCK (1) 1 (McLean, pen 9)
COWDENBEATH (0) 0
Att: 1,100

Tuesday, Sept. 7
Division One

BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Ryan 31)
ARSENAL (0) 0
Att: 13,507
Brighton: **DIGWEED** 9, Shanks 7, Nelson 7, Grealish 8, Stevens 8, Gatting 7, Case 8, Ritchie 7, Ryan 7, Stille 7 (sub. Smillie), Smith 7.
Arsenal: Wood 6, **HOLLINS** 8, Devine 6, Talbot 6 (sub. Hawley 6), O'Leary 7, Whyte 5, Robson 7, Davis 6, Chapman 6, Woodcock 7, Rin 6.
Referee: A. Robinson (Waterloo)
Match Rating: ★★★★

COVENTRY (1) 1 (Thompson 6)
SUNDERLAND (0) 0
Att: 8,190
Coventry: Sealey 7, Thomas 7, Roberts 7, Jacobs 7, Dyson 8, Gillespie 8, Hormantschuk 7, Francis 8, Hateley 7 (sub. Singleton 5), **THOMPSON** 9, Whitton 7.

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Sunderland: **TURNER** 9, Venison 5, Munro 6, Atkins 6, Hindmarch 6, Elliott 6 (sub. Cooke 5), Buckley 5, Rowell 6, McColl 5, Pickering 6, Cummins 5.
Referee: J. Hough (Macclesfield)
Match Rating: ★★★★

LIVERPOOL (2) 4 (Hodgson 11, 20, Souness 82, Rush 89)

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (3) 3 (Hodge 15, 41, Davenport 38)

Att: 27,145

Liverpool: Grobelaar 6, Neal 7, Kennedy 7, Thompson 7, Lawrence 6, Whelan 6.

DALGLISH 9, Lee 8, Rush 8, Hodgson 8, Souness 7.

Nottingham Forest: Van Breukelen 6, Anderson 7, Bowyer 7, **PROCTOR** 9, Fairclough 6, Todd 7, Hodge 7, Wallace 6, Davenport 7, Walsh 7, Robertson 6.

Referee: M. Peck (Cumbria)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

NOTTS COUNTY (1) 1 (Goodwin 13)

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0

Att: 9,376

Notts County: Avramovic 5, **BENJAMIN** 8, Worthington 6, Hunt 6, Kilcline 7, Richards 7, Chedzoy 6, Harkouk 6, Christie 6, Goodwin 7, Mair 7.

Man City: Williams 5, Ranson 6, McDonald 6, Baker 6, **BOND** 8, Caton 5, Hareide 6.

FULHAM (0) 1 (Lewington 68)
OPR (0) 1 (Stainrod 60)

Att: 15,004

Fulham: Peyton 8, Hopkins 5 (sub. Parker 7), Strong 7, O'Driscoll 8, Brown 7, Gale 8, Davies 7, Wilson 7, Coney 6, Houghton 7, **LEWINGTON** 9.

OPR: Hucker 7, Neill 7, Dawes 7, Waddock 8, Hazell 8, Fenwick 8, Mickiewhite 7.

STEWART 9, Sealy 7, Stainrod 8, Gregory 7.

Referee: A. Gunn (Sussex)

Match Rating: ★★★★

GRIMSBY (2) 5 (Drinkell 8, Kilmore 31, 75, Waters 64, Ford 90)

BLACKBURN (0) 0

Att: 7,567

Grimsby: Batch 7, Speight 7, Crombie 8, **WATERS** 9, Cooper 8, Moore, K 8, Ford 7, Kilmore 8, Drinkell 8, Bonnyman 8, Whymark 8.

Blackburn: Gennoe 6, Branagan 5, Rathbone 7, Hamilton 5, Barton 5, Fazackerley 5, Miller 5, Stonehouse 5, Bell 5, **GARNER** 8, Brotherton 5.

Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)

Match Rating: ★★★★

Sending Off: Barton (Blackburn)

OLDHAM (0) 1 (Bowden 64)

ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Hughes, pen 85)

Att: 4,261

Oldham: Hodge 6, Sinclair 6 (sub. Bowden 6), Ryan 6, Keegan 6, Clements 6, Fletcher 6, **HOOLICKIN** 7, Atkinson 6, Steele 5, Wylde 5, Palmer 5.

Rotherham: Mountford 6, Forrest 6, Breckin 5, Hughes 6, Stancilffe 6 (sub. Gooding 6), Green 6, Towner 6, **GOW** 7, Moore 5, Fern 5, McBride 5.

Referee: G. Tyson (Sunderland)

Match Rating: ★★★★

SHEDDON (0) 1 (Pearson 1, 71, Shelton 74)

BOLTON (0) 1 (Henry 79)

Att: 17,307

Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, Shirtliff 7, Bailey 6, Smith 7, Lyons 7, Shelton 6, Megson 7, Taylor 7, Bannister 7, Mirocevic 7, **PEARSON** 8.

Bolton: McDonagh 7, Whitworth 6, Bennett 6, McGovern 7, Jones 6, Doyle 7, **CHANDLER** 8, Henry 7, Moores 6, Reid 6, Hogan 7.

Referee: P. N. Willis (Co. Durham)

Match Rating: ★★★★

WOLVES (2) 5 (Eves 9, Gray 43, Palmer 54, Clarke 84, Matthews 87)

CHARLTON (0) 0

Att: 13,063

Wolves: Burridge 7, Humphrey 7, Palmer 7, Smith 7, Pender 7, Coy 7, Daniel 7, **CLARKE** 8, Gray 7 (sub. Butter 7), Eves 7, Matthews 7.

Charlton: Johns 6, McAllister 6, Ferns 6, Mehmet 6, **ELLIOTT** 7, Phillips 6 (sub. Gritt 6), Harris 6, Bullivant 5, White 5, Hales 6, Walker 6.

Referee: N. Midgley (Salford)

Match Rating: ★★★★

Division Two

BURNLEY (3) 4 (Hamilton 13, 18, pen 68, McGee 33)

CARLISLE (0) 1 (Poskett 88)

Att: 7,645

Burnley: Stevenson 6, Laws 7, Wharton 7, Scott 6, Phelan 6, Holt 6, Dobson 7, Steven 8, **HAMILTON** 9, McGee 8, Young 8.

Carlisle: Swinburne 6, Haigh 6, **RUSHBURY** 7, Ashurst 6, Larkin 5 (sub Lee 6), Craig 6, Stanforth 6, Coughlin 6, Poskett 6, Mitchell 6, Shoulder 6.

Referee: J. Key (Rotherham)

Match Rating: ★★★★

CAMBRIDGE (1) 1 (Nicholls 11)

BARNESLEY (0) 1 (Parker 82)

Att: 3,314

Cambridge: Key 6, Donaldson 6, Murray 6, Lockhart 6, Fallon 6, **REILLY** 8, Cartwright 5, O'Neill 6, Nicholls 7, Streete 5, Turner 6.

Barnsley: Horn 6, Law 6, Chambers 6, Ronson 7, Barrowclough 6, McCartney 6, Evans 6 (sub. Campbell 7), Parker 7, Airey 6, **MANN** 8, Birch 7.

Referee: A. W. Grey (Great Yarmouth)

Match Rating: ★★

CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 2 (Hilaire 23, Mabbott 60)

SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Petts 90)

Att: 6,578

Crystal Palace: Barron 7, Hinshelwood 7, Williams 7, **HUGHTON** 9, Cannon 7, Gilbert 6, Giles 7, Murphy 8, Edwards 7, Mabbott 7, Hilaire 7.

Shrewsbury: Ogrizovic 7, Williams 6, Johnson 6, **PETTS** 8, Pearson 5, Griffin 6, Cross 6, McLaren 6, Brown 5, Stevens 7, Bates 5.

Referee: B. Hill (Kettering)

Match Rating: ★★

NEWPORT (1) 2 (Tynan 2, Gwyther 66)

PLYMOUTH (0) 2 (Cook 58, Hodges 78)

Att: 3,741

Newport: Kendall 5, Jones 6, Vaughan 6, Relish 7, **STROUD** 8, Lowndes 7, Bailey 7, Elsey 6, Gwyther 7, Tynan 7, Moore 7.

Plymouth: Crugdington 6, Nisbet 6, Uzzell 6, Harrison 7, McCartney 7, Cooper 7, **HODGES** 8, Gooding 6, Cook 7, Sims 7, Rogers 7.

Referee: K. Salmon (Barnet)

Match Rating: ★★★

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SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 2 (Curran 48, 80)

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0

Att: 16,641

Sheff Utd: Conroy 7, Henderson 7, Garner 7, McHale 6, MacPhail 6, Kenworthy 7, **★CURRAN 8**, Arnott 6, Edwards 6, Young 6 (sub. Charles 6), King 7.

Huddersfield: Cox 6, Brown 7, Burke 6, **★STANTON 8**, Sutton 7, Hanvey 6, Lillis 7, Cox, M 6 (sub. Doyle 6), Austin 6, Wilson 6, Greenwood 6.

Referee: C. N. Seel (Carlisle)

Match Rating: ★★★

WALSALL (0) 2 (Teasdale 56, 89)

PRESTON (1) 1 (McAteer 37)

Att: 2,060

Walsall: Green 7, Arthur 5, Mower 6, Beech 7, Sinnott 7, Hart 7, **★TEASDALE 8**, Caswell 7, Kearns 6, Buckley 6, Preece 7 (sub. Round). **Preston:** Litchfield 6, Walsh 7, McAteer 7, O'Riordan 7, Westwell 7, Gowling 5, Kelly 7, Bell 6, Elliott 7, **★NAUGHTON 8**, Bruce 5.

Referee: K. Cooper (Pontypridd)

Match Rating: ★★★★

WIGAN (0) 3 (Butler 71, Houghton 72, Rogers 90)

BRADFORD (0) 2 (Campbell 62, Mellor 69)

Att: 5,339

Wigan: Tunks 6, McMahon 6, Weston 7, O'Keefe 6, Cribley 7, Methven 7, Lodge 6, Barrow 6, Butler 6, **★HOUGHTON 8**, Rogers 6.

Bradford: McManus 6, McCall 6, Chapman 6, Lester 7, Cooke 6, Jackson 6, Gray 7, **★GALLAGHER 8**, Campbell 6, McNiven 6, Mellor 6.

Referee: T. J. Holbrook (Wolverhampton)

Match Rating: ★★★

WREXHAM (0) 0

LINCOLN (0) 1 (Cunningham, pen 58)

Att: 2,971

Wrexham: **★NIEDZWIECKI 8**, Hill 5 (sub. Edwards 6), Jones 7, Arkwright 6, Dowman 7, Keay 6, Hunt 5, Gregory 6, Fox 7, McNeil 6, Buxton 6.

Lincoln: Felgate 8, Carr 7, Heath 7, **★COCKERILL 9**, Peake 7, Thompson 7, Neale 7, Turner 7, Hobson 7, Cunningham 7, Shipley 6.

Referee: D. B. Allison (Lancaster)

Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Bamber 6)

BURY (0) 1 (Madden 86)

Att: 4,292

Blackpool: Hesford 7, Simmonite 7, Brockbank 7, Deary 6, Hetzke 6, **★SERELLA 8**, Stewart 6, Hockaday 6, Bamber 7, Pashley 6, Downes 6.

Bury: Brown 6, Gardner 5, Kenworthy 6, **★GORE 8**, Hilton 6, Bramhall 6, Madden 6, Parker 5, Johnson 5 (sub. Potts 6), Jakub 6, Cruickshank 6.

Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)

Match Rating: ★★★

CREWE (1) 4 (Evans, pen 2, 63, Moore 67, Craven 77)

BRISTOL CITY (0) 1 (Ritchie, pen 46)

Att: 1,409

Crewe: Smith 7, Moore 7, Bowers 7, Salathiel 7, Scott 7, Palios 8, Haselgrave 8, **★SUTTON 9**, Goodwin 7, Evans 8, Craven 7, Bristol City: Shaw 6, Stevens 7, Newman 6, **★WILLIAMS 8**, Boyle 6, Riley 7, Economou 6 (sub. Thomson 6), Bray 6, Cooper 6, Ritchie 6, Crawford 7.

Referee: A. Banks (Manchester)

Match Rating: ★★★

HALIFAX (2) 2 (Hendrie 24, Spooner 39)

DARLINGTON (0) 0

Att: 1,891

Halifax: Smelt 6, Hobbs 7, Carr 6, Evans 7, Smith, T 7, Hendrie 7, Hallybone 7, Davison 6, Spooner 7, Staniforth 6, **★WARD 8**.

Darlington: Cuff 6, Brissett 6, Wilson 5, Smith, K 5, Kamara 6, Gilbert 7, Wicks 6 (sub. Hawker 6), **★MCLEAN 8**, Dunn 6, Walsh 7, McFadden 6.

Referee: K. Baker (Rugby)

Match Rating: ★★★★

HULL (1) 4 (Mutrie 43, 71, McLaren 59, Flounders 84)

YORK (0) 0

Att: 3,769

Hull: Norman 6, Booth 6, McNeil 6, Roberts, D 6, Skipper 7, Askew 8, Roberts, G 6, McLaren 7 (sub. Flounders), Marwood 6, **★MUTRIE 9**, Whitehurst 6.

York: Jones 6, Evans 7, Smith 5, Sbragia 5, Kay 7, Hood 6, Ford 5, Pollard 6, Laverick 6,

Byrne 6, **★WALWYN 8**

Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach)

Match Rating: ★★★★

Sending Off: Smith (York)

NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Saxby 89)

CHESTER (0) 1 (Thomas 47)

Att: 2,171

Northampton: Freeman 7, Brady 5 (sub. Buchanan 6), **★PHILLIPS 8**, Gage 6, Burrows 6, Heeley 6, Saunders 6, Saxby 7, Syrett 6, Massey 6, Denyer 7.

Chester: Millington 7, Bradley 6, Lane 6, **★STORTON 9**, Zelem 6, Ludlam 6, Sloan 7, Thomas 7, Allen 5, Johnson 6, Cooke 6

Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow)

Match Rating: ★★★★

ROCHDALE (0) 2 (Stafford 47, Wellings 75)

HARTELEPOOL (0) 0

Att: 1,075

Rochdale: **★PEARCE 9**, Warriner 7, Snokes 7, Trainer 8, Blair 6, Williams 7, Thompson 6 (sub. French), Farrell 8, Hilditch 6, Wellings 7, Stafford 6.

Hartlepool: Watson 7, Brown 7,

★STIMPSON 8, Hogan 7, Bird 6, Liningham 6, Bainbridge 6, Smith 7, Newton 6, Lawrence 7, Johnson 6.

Referee: M. Heath (Stoke)

Match Rating: ★★★

SCUNTHORPE (2) 3 (Telfer 24, 52, Cowling 37)

STOCKPORT (0) 0

Att: 1,335

Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Oates (sub. Duncan 6), Pointon 6, Fowler 7, Boxall 7, Hunter 7, **★OB'BERG 8**, Parkinson 7, Cowling 6, Telfer 7, Leman 6.

Stockport: Lloyd 6, Rutter 6, Sherlock 6, Emmerson 7, Bowles 6, Smith 6, **★WILLIAMS 8**, Phillips 7, Quinn 6, Park 6, Coyle 6 (sub. Thorpe 6).

Referee: D. Hutchinson (Abingdon)

Match Rating: ★★

Wednesday, Sept. 8

Division One

ASTON VILLA (3) 4 (Mortimer 9, Withe 21, Cowans, pen 39, pen 86)

LUTON (0) 1 (Moss, pen 54)

Att: 18,823

Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, Jones 7, Heard 7, Bremner 7, McNaught 7, Mortimer 7, Blair 7, Shaw 7 (sub. Walters), **★WITHE 8**, Cowans 7, Morley 7.

Luton: Findlay 6, Stephens 5, Turner 5, Horton 7, Goodyear 6, Donaghy 6, Hill 6, **★STEIN 8**, Walsh 5, Antic 6 (sub. Kellock 5), Moss 7.

Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)

Match Rating: ★★★★

MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 2 (Whiteside 20, Robson 59)

EVERTON (1) 1 (King 26)

Att: 43,186

Man Utd: Bailey 7, **★DUXBURY 9**, Albiston 7, Wilkins 7, Moran 6, McQueen 7, Robson 8, Muhran 6, Stapleton 7, Whiteside 8, Coppell 6.

Everton: Southall 7, Borrows 6, Bailey 6, Higgins 6, Wright 7, **★MCMAHON 8**, Ainscow 6 (sub. Richardson), Heath 7, Sharp 7, King 7, Sheedy 6.

Referee: E. Hart (Preston)

Match Rating: ★★★★

NORWICH (3) 5 (Bertsch 4, 80, O'Neill 26, Barham 57)

BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Broadhurst 37)

Att: 13,860

Norwich: Woods 7, Haylock 7, Downs 5, McGuire 6, Walford 7, Watson 6, Barham 6, O'Neill 8, **★DEEHAN 9**, Bertsch 8 (sub. Smith), Mendham 6.

Birmingham: Blyth 6, **★LANGAN 8**, Dennis 7, Scott 5 (sub. Hagan 6), Van den Hauwe 5, Broadhurst 6, Summerfield 6, Dillon 7, Harford 7, Curthorne 6, Carrodus 7.

Referee: J. E. Martin (Alton)

Match Rating: ★★★★

STOKE (0) 0

WEST BROM (2) 3 (Regis 22, Eastoe 27, Brown 78)

Att: 17,447

Stoke: Fox 6, Parkin 6, Maguire 6, Bracewell 5, Watson 5, Berry 5, Griffiths 5, McIlroy 6, O'Callaghan 5, Thomas 7, **★CHAMBERLAIN 9**.

West Brom: **★GREW 8**, Batson 6, Whitehead 6, Zondervan 6, Bennett 7, Robertson 6, Jol 6, Brown 7, Regis 7, Owen 7, Eastoe 7.

Referee: K. Hackett (Sheffield)

Match Rating: ★★★★

TOTTENHAM (2) 6 (Galvin 14, 86, Villa 24, Perryman 54, Crooks 63, Brooke, pen 65)

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0

Att: 26,579

Spurs: Clemence 8, Hughton 7, Price 8, Lacy 7, Brooks 8, Perryman 7, Hazard 7, Archibald 8, **★GALVIN 9**, Hoddle 6 (sub. Villa 7), Crooks 8.

Southampton: Shilton 6, Baker 5, Rose 5 (sub. Lawrence 6), Williams 5, Nicholl 6, Wright 6, **★BALL 7**, Agboola 5, Fashanu 4, Armstrong 6, Puckett 6.

Referee: B. Stevens (Gloucester)

Match Rating: ★★★★

OXFORD (1) 3 (Brock 20, Biggins 60, Thomas 88)

DONCASTER (0) 0

Att: 4,482

Oxford: Burton 6, Linney 7, Fogg 6, Train 7 (sub. Thomas), Briggs 6, Shotton 7, Brock 7, Barnett 7, Vinter 6, **★BIGGINS 8**, Hebbard 7.

Doncaster: **★PEACOCK 7**, Russell 5, Little 5, Snodin 15, Cavthorne 5, Humphries 6, Pugh 6, Mell 5, Douglas 5, Graham 6 (sub. Liddell 5), Lister 5.

Referee: H. W. King (Merthyr Tydfil)

Match Rating: ★★★★

READING (1) 1 (Dixon 42)

BRENTFORD (0) 1 (Joseph 80)

Att: 3,555

Reading: **★JUDGE 8**, Richardson 5, White 5, Beaven 6, Hicks 5, Wood 5, Bason 5, Earles 5, Dixon 7, Sanchez 5, Donnellan 5.

Brentford: Roche 5, Tucker 5, Wilkins 5, Booker 5, Whitehead 5, Hurlock 6, Kamara 5, **★JOSEPH 7**, Mahoney 6, Bowles 6, Roberts 6.

Referee: J. E. Bray (Hinckley)

Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

DERBY (0) 1 (Buckley, pen 50)

CHELSEA (0) 0

Att: 8,075

Derby: Banovic 6, Barton 6 (sub. Emson 6), Buckley 7, Skivington 7, Foster 6, McAle 6, Broily 7, Attley 6, Hill 6, **★SWINDELEHURST 8**, Dalziel 7.

Chelsea: **★FRANCIS 8**, Nutton 5, Hutchings 6, Chivers 6, Droy 7, Pates 5 (sub. Canoville 7), McAndrew 5, Burnside 6, Lee 5, Robson 5, Fillary 6.

Referee: P. Tyldeley (Stockport)

Match Rating: ★★★★

LEICESTER (0) 0

LEEDS (0) 1 (Butterworth 73)

Att: 12,963

Leicester: Wallington 6, Ramsey 6, Friar 6, McDonald 7, May 6, O'Neill 6, **★KELLY 8**, Lineker 6, Smith 6, **★MELROSE 8**, Lynex 7.

Leeds: **★LUKIC 8**, Cherry 6, Gray 6, E. 7, Dickinson 6, Hart 6, Thomas 6, Hird 6, Butterworth 6, Worthington 6, Gray 7, Graham 6.

Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)

Match Rating: ★★★★

SCUNTHORPE (0) 0

MIDDLEBROUGH (0) 1 (Wood 67)

Att: 27,939

Newcastle: Hardwick 7, **★CRAGGS 9**, Saunders 6, Martin 6, Clarke 7, Haddock 6, Keegan 8, Channon 7, Varadi 7, Cartwright 6, Waddle 6.

Middlesbrough: Platt 8, Brownlie 7, Bolton 6, Ross 6, Baxter 7, Wood 7, Mowbray 6, Ward 6 (sub. Otto 6), Shearer 6, Kennedy 6, **★BELL 9**.

Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)

Match Rating: ★★★★

Division Three

EXETER (1) 1 (Howe, og 10)

PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 (Rafferty 85)

Att: 3,146

Exeter: Bond 7, Kirkup 7, Viney 6, McEwan 6, Roberts 7, Rogers 6, Harle 7, Rogers, P 7, **★KELLY 8**, Delfe 7, Pullar 7.

Portsmouth: Knight 5, McLaughlin 6, Sullivan 6, Doyle 5, Howe 5, Aizlewood 6, Ellis 6 (sub. Rogers 6), Biley 6.

Referee: E. Read (Bristol)

Match Rating: ★★★★

SENDING OFF: McEwan (Exeter)

MILLWALL (2) 2 (Carr 1, Allardyce 37)

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0

Att: 3,012

Millwall: Sansome 7, Stevens 6, Allardyce 6, Roberts 7, Madden 6, Chatterton 7, Carr 7, Martin 6, Hayes 7, **★HORRIG 8**, Aylott 7.

Bournemouth: **★ALLEN 8**, Heffernan 6, Brignull 6, Impey 7, Sully 6, Spackman 6 (sub. Dawkins 7), O'Donnell 6, Beck 6, Carter 6, Funnell 7, Morgan 6.

Referee: I. J. Borrett (Suffolk)

Match Rating: ★★★★

ORIENT (2) 4 (Foster 10, Godfrey 29, 59, Silknar 70)

CARDIFF (0) 0

Att: 2,021

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First Division

ALLOA (1) 1 (Kearney, og 41)
 AIRDRIE (1) 2 (Miller 3, Garner, og 75)
 Att: 850

DUNFERMLINE (0) 1 (Rae, og 77)
 CLYDE (0) 1 (McCutcheon 65)
 Att: 786

HAMILTON (1) 2 (Craig 22, McDowall 64)
 QUEEN'S PARK (0) 2 (Grant 52, Nicholson 65)
 Att: 744

RAITH (0) 0
 ST JOHNSTONE (1) 3 (Morton 19, Brogan 47, 87)
 Att: 1,000

Second Division

ALBION (1) 3 (Main 2, Ferrie 58, Evans 71)
 STIRLING (0) 0
 Att: 456

BERWICK (1) 2 (Tait 34, Romaines 64)
 ARBROATH (0) 1 (Shaw 80)
 Att: 561

BRECHIN (0) 0
 EAST FIFE (0) 0
 Att: 468

EAST STIRLING (0) 0
 MONTROSE (0) 0
 Att: 260

FORFAR (0) 0
 MEADOWBANK (0) 1 (Sprott, pen 55)
 Att: 547

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 1 (Clark 48)
 STENHOUSEMUIR (2) 2 (Strain 8, Munn 21)
 Att: 750

Friday, Sept. 10

Division Three

DONCASTER (4) 6 (Graham 3, Lister, pen 11, Liddell 16, Douglas 28, Viney, og 77, Snodin, G 81)
 EXETER (0) 1 (Rogers, P 88)
 Att: 3,205

Doncaster: Peacock 7, Russell, 7, Snodin, G 8, Snodin, I 6, Cawthorne 7, Humphries 6, Pugh 7, **LIDDELL** 9, Douglas 8, Graham 7 (sub. Mell 6), Lister 8.

Exeter: Bond 5, Kirkup 5, Voney 5, McEwan 6, **ROBERTS** 7, Rogers, M 6, Harle 5, Rogers, P 6, Kellow 5, Delve 6, Pular 5 (sub. Gibson 5).

Referee: N. Glover (Chorley)
 Match Rating: ★★★★
 Sendings Off: Lister (Doncaster), Rogers, M (Exeter)

Division Four

COLCHESTER (2) 4 (Allinson, pen 43, Wignall 45, Lyons 49, 90)
 ROCHDALE (1) 1 (Wellings, pen 17)
 Att: 2,638

Colchester: Walker 7, Cook 6, Coleman 6, Groves 7, Wignall 6, Hunter 6, **ALLINSON** 8, Osborne 7, Lyons 7, McDonough 6 (sub. Bremner), Leslie 6.

Rochdale: Pearce 6, Warriner 5, Snookes 6, Weir 6 (sub. Thompson 6), Trainer 5, Williams 5, **HAMILTON** 7, Farrell 6, French 5, Hilditch 6, Wellings 6.

Referee: D. Brazier (Northants)
 Match Rating: ★★★

STOCKPORT (1) 1 (Emerson 22)
 HULL (1) 1 (Marwood 34)
 Att: 2,252

Stockport: Lloyd 6, Thorpe 5, Rutter 6, **EMERSON** 7, Bowles 5, Smith 5, Williams 5, Phillips 5, Quinn 6, Park 6, Sherlock 5.

Hull: Norman 5, McNeil 6, **ASKEW** 7, Roberts, D 6, Skipper 5, Booth 6, Marwood 6, McLaren 5, Whitehurst 6, Mutrie 6, Roberts, G 5.

Referee: E. G. Naphine (Loughborough)
 Match Rating: ★★★

Saturday, Sept. 11

Division One

ASTON VILLA (2) 4 (Mortimer 21, Withe 31, 79, Cowans, pen 66)
 NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1) 1 (Robertson, pen 44)
 Att: 21,224

Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, Williams 7, Heard 7, Bremner 8, McNaught 7, **MORTIMER** 9, Blair 7, Shaw 7 (sub. Evans), Withe 8, Cowans 8, Morley 7.

Not'm Forest: Van Breukelen 6, **ANDERSON** 7, Bowyer 6, Todd 6, Young 5, Fairclough 5 (sub. Proctor 6), Hodge 6, Wallace 6, Davenport 5, Walsh 6, Robertson 5.

Referee: R. Bridges (Desides)
 Match Rating: ★★★★
 Sending Off: Bowyer (Nottingham Forest)

BRIGHTON (0) 3 (Smith 46, Ryan 53, Greaham 66)
 SUNDERLAND (2) 2 (Cummins 20, McCoist 39)
 Att: 10,264

Brighton: Moseley 6, Shanks 6, Nelson 7, Greaham 7, Stevens 8, Gattting 7, Case 7, Ritchie 7, Ryan 8, Stille 7, **SMITH** 9.

Sunderland: Turner 6, Venison 6 (sub. Cook), Munro 6, Hinnigan 6, Hindmarch 7, Chisholm 6, Buckley 7, Rowell 6, McCoist 7, Pickering 7, **CUMMINS** 8.

Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

COVENTRY (0) 0
 ARSENAL (1) 2 (Chapman 40, Woodcock 60)
 Att: 10,245

Coventry: Sealey 7, Thomas 6, Roberts 6, Jacobs 6, Dyson 6, Gillespie 6, Hormantschuk 5, **FRANCIS** 8, Daly 5 (sub. Singleton 5), Thompson 7, Whitton 5.

Arsenal: Wood 7, Hollins 8, Sansom 8, Talbot 7, **O'LEARY** 9, Whyte 8, Davis 7, Robson 6, Chapman 8, Woodcock 7, Rix 8.

Referee: R. Dixon (West Kirby)
 Match Rating: ★★

LIVERPOOL (2) 3 (Souness 32, Rush 43, Johnston 75)
 LUTON (1) 3 (Stein 26, 63, Moss 51)
 Att: 33,694

Liverpool: Grobelaar 6, Neal 6, Kennedy 6, Thompson 7, Lawrence 6, Whelan 6, Daiglish 7 (sub. Johnston 7), **LEE** 9, Rush 7, Hodgson 6, Souness 7.

Luton: Findlay 6 (sub. Antic 6), Stephens 6, Money 7, Horton 7, Goodyear 6, Donaghy 6, Hill 7, **STEIN** 8, Walsh 6, Turner 6, Moss 6.

Referee: M. J. Heath (Stoke on Trent)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 3 (Whiteside 2, 86, Coppell 73)
 IPSWICH (1) 1 (Mariner 36)
 Att: 43,140

Man Utd: Bailey 6, Duxbury 7, Alston 7, Wilkins 7, Moran 6, McQueen 6, Robson 7, Muhren 6, Stapleton 6, **WHITESIDE** 9, Coppell 6.

Ipswich: Cooper 7, Burley 6, Mills 5, Thijssen 6, Osman 5, Butcher 6, Wark 6, McCall 5 (sub. D'Avray), Mariner 7, Brazil 7, **GATES** 8.

Referee: G. Burfield (Sutton in Craven)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

NORWICH (0) 1 (Deehan, pen 59)
 SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Watson, og 70)
 Att: 16,492

Norwich: Woods 7, Haylock 7, Downes 6, **McGUIRE** 8, Walford 6, Watson 6, Barbara 6, O'Neill 7, Deehan 7, Bertsch 7 (sub. Smith 6), Mendham 6.

Southampton: Shilton 7, Baker 7, Rose 6, Williams 7, Nicholl 7, Wright 7, **BALL** 8, Agbola 7, Fashanu 6, Armstrong 6, Cassells 7.

Referee: J. Deakin (Bedford)
 Match Rating: ★★

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 1 (Harkouk, pen 56)
 EVERTON (0) 0
 Att: 9,197

Notts County: Avramovic 8, Benjamin 7, Worthington 6, Hunt 6, Kilcline 8, Richards 6, Chiedozie 6, **HARKOUK** 9, Christie 6, Goodwin 7, Mair 7.

Everton: Southall 6, Bowrows 5, Bailey 5, Higgins 5, Wright 6, McMahon 6, Ainscow 7, **HEATH** 9, Sharp 7, King 7, Sheedy 7.

Referee: M. Dimblebee (Stevenage)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

STOKE (2) 4 (Watson 17, Thomas 29, Davies, og 56, Maguire, pen 80)
 SWANSEA (1) 1 (Latchford 12)
 Att: 14,058

Stoke: Fox 6, Parkin 6, Hampton 7 (sub. Griffiths), Bracewell 6, Watson 6, Berry 5, Maguire 6, McIlroy 7, O'Callaghan 5, **THOMAS** 9, Chamberlain 8.

Swansea: Davies 4, Marustik 5 (sub. Charles 6), Hadziabdic 5, Irwin 5, Kennedy 5, Rajkovic 5, **CURTIS** 7, James, R 6, James, L 5, Stevenson 5, Latchford 5.

Referee: N. Wilson (Morecambe)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Mabbatt 82)
 MANCHESTER CITY (1) 2 (Baker 3, 81)
 Att: 32,483

Spurs: Clemente 6, Perryman 7, Lacy 6, Price 7, **MABBATT** 8, Brooke 7, Hazard 7 (sub. Roberts 6), Villa 6, Archibald 6, Crooks 6, Galvin 6.

Man. City: **WILLIAMS** 8, Ranson 7, Hareide 7, Bond 7, Caton 7, McDonald 6, Baker 7, Hartford 7, Reeves 6, Jones 6 (sub. Tuear 6), Power 7.

Referee: J. Bray (Leicestershire)
 Match Rating: ★★★

WATFORD (1) 3 (Blissett 39, 68, Taylor 54)
 WEST BROM (0) 0
 Att: 17,603

Watford: Sherwood 7, Rice 7, Rostron 7, Taylor 7, Bolton 7, Jackett 8, Callaghan 7, **BLISSETT** 9, Armstrong 7, Loman 7, Barnes 7.

West Brom: **GREW** 8, Batson 6, Whitehead 6, Zondervan 7, Bennett 6, Robertson 5, Jol 5, Brown 6, Regis 6, Owen 6, Eastoe 6.

Referee: I. J. Borrett (Suffolk)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

WEST HAM (2) 5 (Van der Elst 23, Goddard 29, Stewart, pen 60, Martin 74, Clark 85)
 BIRMINGHAM (0) 0
 Att: 18,754

West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 5, Lampard 7, Bonds 7, Martin 7, **DEVONSHIRE** 8, Van der Elst 7, Goddard 7, Clark 7, Allen 6, Pike 6.

Birmingham: Blyth 6, Hagan 5, Dennis 5, Hawker 5, Van den Hauwe 6 (sub. Summerfield 6), **PHILLIPS** 7, Van Mierlo 5, Dillon 5, Harford 6, Curbishley 5, Carroll 6.

Referee: M. James (Horsham)
 Match Rating: ★★★

BURNLEY (0) 1 (Steven 47)
 ROTHERHAM (1) 2 (Fern 2, 65)
 Att: 9,099

Burnley: Stevenson 6, Laws 6, Wharton 6, Scott 6 (sub. Taylor), Phelan 7, Holt 6, Dobson 6, **STEVEN** 8, Hamilton 6, McGee 6, Young 6.

Rotherham: Mountford 6, Forrest 7, Breckin 6, McEwan 7, Hughes 7, **GREEN** 9, Towner 8, Gow 6, Moore 6, Fern 7, McBride 6.

Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)
 Match Rating: ★★★

Sending Off: Towner (Rotherham)

CAMBRIDGE (0) 3 (Street 47, Reilly 57, 58)
 CHARLTON (2) 2 (Ferns 29, Walker 34)
 Att: 3,162

Cambridge: Webster 7, Donaldson 7, Murray 7, Turner 7, Fallon 6, Finney 6, Cartwright 6, O'Neill 6, **REILLY** 8, Streete 6, Nicholls 6.

Charlton: Johns 6, Gritt 7, Ferns 7, Mehmet 6, Elliott 6, Berry 6, Harris 6, Bullivant 7, White 6, **HALES** 8, Walker 6 (sub. Lansdowne 6).

Referee: K. P. Barratt (Coventry)
 Match Rating: ★★★

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 2 (Mabbatt 60, Hilaire 72)

BLACKBURN (0) 0
 Att: 7,529

Crystal Palace: Barron 7, Hinshelwood 7, Williams 7, Hughton 7, Cannon 7, Gilbert 7, Giles 6, Lovell 6, Edwards 7, Mabbatt 7, **HILAIRE** 8.

Blackburn: Gennoe 6, Branagan 7, Rathbone 5, Randell 7, Barton 6, Fazackerley 7, Miller 6, Stonehouse 6, Bell 6, Garner 5.

BROTHERTON 8.

Referee: L. Burden (Dorset)
 Match Rating: ★★★

DERBY (1) 1 (Dalziel, pen 45)
 MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Bell 17)
 Att: 9,050

Derby: Banovic 7, Attley 6, Dalziel 6, Skivington 5, Foster 6, McAlle 4, Broily 6, Reid 5, Hill 6, **SWINDLEHURST** 8, Emson 5.

Middlesbrough: Platt 6, Brownlie 6, Bolton 6, Ross 5, Baxter 6, Wood 6, Mowbray 5, Otto 7, Shearer 7 (sub. Ward 6), Kennedy 6, **BELL** 8.

Referee: R. Banks (Manchester)
 Match Rating: ★★★

FULHAM (2) 4 (Coney 44, 76, Lewington, pen 44, Houghton 81)
 BOLTON (0) 0
 Att: 5,688

Fulham: Peyton 8, Hopkins 7, Lock 7, O'Driscoll 8, Brown 7, Gale 7, Davies 7, Wilson 7 (sub. Parker 7), Coney 8, **HOUGHTON** 9, Lewington 8.

Bolton: McDonagh 7, **WHITWORTH** 8, Bennett 7, McGovern 6, Jones 7, McElhinney 7 (sub. Hogan 6), Chandler 7, Henry 7, Moores 7, Reid 6, Berry 6.

Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

GRIMSBY (0) 2 (Drinkell 69, Waters, pen 89)
 SHREWSBURY (0) 0
 Att: 7,599

Grimsby: Batch 7, Speight 6, Crosbie 6, Waters 6, **COOPER** 8, Moore, K 7, Ford 6, Kilmore 6, Drinkel 6, Bonnyman 6, Whymark 6 (sub. Cumming 7).

Shrewsbury: Ogrizovic 6, Williams 7, Johnson 6, **PETTS** 8, Pearson 6, Griffin 6, Cross 7, McLaren 7, Brown 7, Stevens 6, Bates 6.

Referee: J. M. Key (Rotherham)
 Match Rating: ★★★

LEICESTER (2) 6 (Lynex, pen 23, 25, pen 83, Lineker 47, 69, pen 87)
 CARLISLE (0) 0
 Att: 8,440

Leicester: Wallington 6, Ramsey 7, Friar 7, MacDonald 7, May 7, O'Neill 7, Kelly 7, Lineker 8, Smith 7, Melrose 7, **LYNEX** 9.

Carlisle: **SWINBURNE** 7, Haig 6, Rushby 6, Ashurst 6, Houghton 6, Craig 6, Staniforth 6, Coughlin 6, Poskett 6, Mitchell 5 (sub. Lee 6), Shoulder 6.

Referee: D. Vickers (Ilford)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (Clarke 46)
 CHELSEA (1) 1 (Lee 23)
 Att: 29,084

Newcastle: Hardwick 6, Crags 6, Saunders 6, Martin 6, **CLARKE** 9, Haddock 7, Keegan 8, Channon 6, Varadi 6, Wharton 7, Waddle 6 (sub. Bell 6).

Chelsea: Francis 7, Nutton 7, Hutchings 7, Chivers 8, Droy 7, McAndrew 6.

CANOVILLE 9, Burnstead 7, Lee 7, Robson 6 (sub. Driver), Fillery 6.

Referee: D. Scott (Burnley)
 Match Rating: ★★★

OLDHAM (0) 0
 QPR (0) 1 (Gregory 52)
 Att: 4,266

Oldham: Hodge 7, Sinclair 6, Ryan 6, **KEEGAN** 8, Clements 6, Futcher 7, Heaton 5 (sub. Wyke 5), Atkinson 6, Steel 6, Bowden 7, Palmer 6.

QPR: **HUCKER** 8, Neill 6, Dawes 6, Waddock 6, Hazel 7, Fenwick 6, Micklewhite 6, Stewart 6, Sealy 7, Stainrod 6, Gregory 7.

Referee: N. Ashley (Nantwich)
 Match Rating: ★★★

SHEDFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 2 (Bannister 67, Megson 88)
 LEEDS (2) 3 (Worthington 28, 38, Butterworth 52)
 Att: 29,050

Sheff Wed: Bolder 6, Sterland 7, Bailey 6, Smith 7, Lyons 6, Shelton 6, Taylor 6 (sub. McCulloch 6), Megson 7, Pearson 7, **BANNISTER** 8, Mirocevic 7.

Leeds: Lukic 8, Cherry 7, **GRAY**, E 9 (sub. Connor 6), Dickinson 7, Hart 7, Thomas 7, Hird 6, Butterworth 7, Worthington 8, Gray, F 7, Graham 6.

Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

WOLVERHAMPTON (0) 2 (Humphrey 61, Eves 66)

BARNESLEY (0) 0
 Att: 15,065

Wolves: Burridge 7, **HUMPHREY** 9, Palmer 7, Smith 8, Pender 7, Coy 7, Daniel 7, Clarke 7, Livingstone 8 (sub. Butler), Eves 7, Matthews 7.

Barnsley: Horn 7, Law 7, Chambers 7, Ronson 7, Barrowclough 8, McCarthy 8, **CAMPBELL** 9 (sub. Souter 7), Parker 7, Airey 7, Mann 7, Birch 8.

Referee: A. W. Ward (London)
 Match Rating: ★★★

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Division Three

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0
SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 0

Att: 6,424

Bournemouth: Allen 7, Heffernan 7, Sulley 7, ★O'DONNELL 8, Brignull 7, Compton 7, Carter 6, Williams 6, Morgan 6, Funnell 6, Mundee 7.

Sheff Utd: Conroy 7, Henderson 7, Charles 6, ★McHALE 8, MacPhail 7, Kenworthy 7, Curran 6, Arnott 6, Edwards 6, Young 6, King 6 (sub. Houston 6).

Referee: K. Cooper (Pontypridd)

Match Rating: ★★

BRADFORD (1) 4 (Campbell 44, Jackson 68, Cooke 70, Gallagher 89)
NEWPORT (0) 2 (Aldridge 55, Tynan 79)

Att: 4,793

Bradford: McManus 6, Podd 6, Chapman 6, Lester 7, Cooke 7, McFarland 7, Gray 6, Gallagher 7, ★CAMPBELL 8, McNiven 6 (sub. Jackson 7), Mellor 7.

Newport: Kendall 6, Jones 6, Relish 7, ★ELSEY 8, Davies 6, Stroud 6, Lowndes 6 (sub. Bailey 6), Aldridge 6, Tynan 7, Vaughan 6, Moore 7.

Referee: F. Roberts (Prestatyn)

Match Rating: ★★★★

BRENTFORD (1) 4 (Mahoney 20, 81, Joseph 60, Roberts 62)

SOUTHERN (0) 2 (Nelson 59, Mercer 85)

Att: 5,604

Brentford: Roche 7, Tucker 6, Wilkins 7, Booker 6, Whitehead 6, Hurlock 7, ★KAMARA 8 (sub. Johnson), Joseph 7, Mahoney 6, Bowles 7, Roberts 7.

Southend: Cawston 6, Stead 7, ★YATES 8, Otułakowski 6, Hadley 6, Cusack 7, Pountney 6, Phillips 6, Mercer 6, Pennyfather 6 (sub. Greaves), Nelson 7

Referee: L. C. Shapter (Torquay)

Match Rating: ★★★★

CARDIFF (1) 3 (Lewis 23, Bennett, G 74, Woof 88)

WIGAN (2) 2 (Houghton 15, Rogers 44)

Att: 3,850

Cardiff: Thomas 7, Bennett, G 7, Bodin 7, Nicholas 6, Pontin 5 (sub. Jones 5), ★MULLEN 8, Bennett, D 7, Tong 7, Gibbons 7, Woof 7, Lewis 7.

Wigan: Tunks 6, McMahon 6, Weston 7, O'Keefe 6, Cribbley 6, Methven 7, Lodge 5, Barrow 5, Bradd 6, Houghton 6 (sub. Butler 6), ★ROGERS 8.

Referee: T. G. Bune (Newbury)

Match Rating: ★★★★

CHESTERFIELD (0) 0

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0

Att: 1,990

Chesterfield: Turner 6, Bellamy 6, Partridge 7, ★WILSON 8, Green 5, Henson 7, Robinson 8, Henderson 6, Dawson 5, Kowalski 6, Windridge 6 (sub. O'Neill).

Bristol Rovers: ★KITE 8, Williams, B 6, Slatter 5, Williams, G 5, Parkin 7, McCaffery 6, Curle 5, Williams, D 7, Stephens 5 (sub. Kelly 7), Randall 6, Barrett 6.

Referee: A. Robinson (Manchester)

Match Rating: ★★

GILLINGHAM (0) 1 (Cascarino 68)

MILLWALL (0) 0

Att: 4,633

Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Sharpe 5, Adams 7, Bruce 7, Weatherly 6, ★SHAW 8, Powell 7, Tydeman 6, Cascarino 7, Sutton 6, Price 7.

Millwall: Sansome 7, Stevens 7, Robinson 7 (sub. Shinton 6), Chatterton 6, Allardyce 6, Madden 6, Carr 7, ★ROBERTS 8, Aylott 7, Martin 7, Horrix 6.

Referee: D. Hedges (Oxford)

Match Rating: ★★★★

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 2 (Lillis 19, Doyle 66)

WALSALL (1) 2 (Preece 16, Pendry 63)

Att: 4,282

Huddersfield: Cox, B 6, Brown 6, Burke 5, Stanton 5, Sutton 6, Harvey 6, Lillis 7, ★DOYLE 8, Austin 6, Cowling 5, Greenwood 6 (sub. Cox, M).

Walsall: Green 6, Caswell 7, Mower 6, Beech 6, Sinnott 7, Hart 6, Teasdale 7 (sub. Shakespeare), ★PENDREY 8, Kearns 6, Buckley 7, Preece 7.

Referee: P. N. Willis (Meadowfield)

Match Rating: ★★★★

LINCOLN (1) 4 (Cunningham, pen 10, pen 77, Thompson 56, Bell 89)

READING (0) 0

Att: 2,790

Lincoln: Felgate 7, Carr 6, Heath 7, Cockerill 7, ★PEAKE 9 (sub. Bell), Thompson 7, Hibberd 7, Turner 7, Hobson 8, Cunningham 8, Shiple 6.

Reading: Judge 7, Richardson 6, White 6.

Beavon 6, Hicks 6, Barnes 5, Bason 6 (sub. McMahon 6), Earles 7, ★DIXON 8, Sanchez 7, Donnell 6.

Referee: T. Jones (Macclesfield)

Match Rating: ★★★★

PLYMOUTH (1) 2 (Hodges 33, 64)

ORIENT (0) 0

Att: 3,649

Plymouth: Crudgington 6, Nisbet 7, Uzzell 6, Harrison 6, McCartney 7, Cooper 5, ★HODGES 9, Cook 5 (sub. Carter), Sims 6, Gooding 6, Rogers 7.

Orient: Day 7, ★OSGOOD 8, Peach 5 (sub. Cornwell 6), Foster 5, Gray 7, Vincent 6, Godfrey 7, Donn 5, Blackhall 6, Smith 5, Taylor 5.

Referee: E. Read (Bristol)

Match Rating: ★★★

PORTSMOUTH (1) 3 (Biley 15, 69, Tait 54)

WREXHAM (0) 0

Att: 10,367

Portsmouth: Knight 6, McLaughlin 6, Sullivan 6, Doyle 7, Howe 6, Aizlewood 6, Ellis 5, Tait 6, Rafferty 7, ★BILEY 8, Thomas 7.

Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 6, Jones 6, Dowman 5, Bater 5, Arkwright 5, Keay 5, ★HUNT 7, Gregory 5, Fox 6, King 5 (sub. Hill 5), Buxton 5

Referee: E. J. Scales (Ware)

Match Rating: ★★★

PRESTON (0) 1 (Elliott 52)

OXFORD (1) 2 (Hebberd 17, Thomas 72)

Att: 4,481

Preston: Litchfield 5, Walsh 7, McAteer 6, O'Riordan 6, Westwell 6, Gowling 6, Kelly 6, Bell 6, Elliott 7, ★NAUGHTON 8, Houston 6 (sub. Bruce).

Oxford: Burton 6, Linney 6, Fogg 6, Train 7, Briggs 6, Shotton 6, Jones 6, Barrett 6, Vinter 7, Biggins 6 (sub. ★THOMAS 8), Hebberd 7.

Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)

Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

ALDERSHOT (1) 2 (Banton 15, Goddard 71)

PETERBOROUGH (0) 0

Att: 1,691

Aldershot: Johnson 6, Andruszewski 6, Gillard 7, Briley 7, Wood 6, Jopling 6, Shrub 6, ★BANTON 8, Goddard 7, McDonald 6, Brodie 6.

Peterborough: ★SEAMAN 8, Winters 6, Collins 6, Gynn 7, Sutton 5 (sub. Imlach 6), Rodaway 7, Clark 5, Linton 6, Cook 5, Benjamin 6, Chard 5.

Referee: A. Gunn (Burgess Hill)

Match Rating: ★★★★

BRISTOL CITY (0) 0

BLACKPOOL (0) 0

Att: 4,681

Bristol City: Shaw 7, Stevens 6, Newman 7, ★WILLIAMS 8, Boyle 6, Riley 6, Economou 4 (sub. Chandler 6), Cooper 6, Bray 7, Ritchie 5, Crawford 5.

Blackpool: Hesford 7, Simonette 6, Brockbank 6, ★DEARY 8, Hetzke 7, Serella 6, Noble 6, Hockaday 6, Stuart 7, Pashley 6, Butler 6.

Referee: E. Crickmore (Plymouth)

Match Rating: ★★

BURY (0) 0

CREWE (0) 1 (Jones 68)

Att: 2,164

Bury: Brown 6, Gardner 6, Hilton 6, ★BRAMHALL 7, Kenworthy 5, Gore 5, Crucks 5, Jakub 5 (sub. Johnson 5), Potts 5, Parker 5, Madden 5.

Crewe: Smith 6, ★MORE 7, Salathiel 6, Scott 6, Bowers 5, Purdie 5, Haslegrave 5, Palios 6, Evans 6, Craven 5, Goodwin 5 (sub. Jones 6).

Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)

Match Rating: ★★★

CHESTER (0) 0

TORQUAY (0) 0

Att: 2,370

Chester: Millington 6, Bradley 5 (sub. Simpson), Lane 5, Stortton 6, Zelem 5, Ludlam 7, Sloan 6, ★COOKE 8, Allen 6, Johnson 5, Thomas 6.

Torquay: Horn 6, Doyle 5, Jones 4, Wilson 6, Wigginton 5, Sheridan 5 (sub. Brown 6), Grapes 7, Steeples 6, Cooper 7, Smith 6, ★GALLAGHER 8.

Referee: A. Challinor (Rotherham)

Match Rating: ★★

DARLINGTON (0) 2 (Stalker 62, 80)

HEREFORD (0) 1 (Phillips 68)

Att: 1,818

Darlington: Cuff 5, Brissett 6, Wilson 7, Smith 7, Kamara 6, Gilbert 5, Hawker 7.

McLean 6, ★STALKER 8, Walsh 7, McFadden 5.

Hereford: Jackson 7, Price 6, ★BARTLEY 8, Hicks 7, Pejic 5, Spiring 7, Crabbe 6, Harvey 6, Phillips 7, Showers 6, White 7.

Referee: R. Guy (Kirkby)

Match Rating: ★★

HARTELEPOOL (0) 2 (Bird 68, Hogan 82)

NORTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Gage 4)

Att: 947

Hartlepool: Watson 6, Brown 7.

★STIMPSON 8, Hogan 5, Bird 7, Linighan 7, Bainbridge 6, Smith 6, Newton 5 (sub. Barker 6), Lawrence 7, Johnson 7.

Northampton: Kendall 7, Brady 6, Phillips 5, ★GAGE 8, Burrows 7, Heeley 6, Saunders 5, Saxby 6, Syrett 6, Massey 7, Denyer 5.

Referee: T. Fitzharris (Bolton)

Match Rating: ★★★

Sending Off: Heeley (Northampton)

MANSFIELD (0) 0

PORT VALE (1) 2 (Ridley 29, Bromage 57)

Att: 2,313

Mansfield: ★ARNOLD 8, Woodhead 5, Kennedy 5, Day 6, Ayre 5, Bird 6, Matthew 6, Nicholson 6, Waddle 5, Dungworth 5, Laidlaw 5.

Port Vale: Siddell 7, Tatt 6, Bromage 6, Hunter 5, ★PROSON 8, Cegielski 5, Chamberlain 5, Moss 5, Armstrong 5, Ridley 6, Sheldon 6.

Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrogate)

Match Rating: ★★★

SWINDON (0) 0

HALIFAX (0) 1 (Davison 89)

Att: 3,450

Swindon: Allan 7, Baverstock 5, ★BADDELEY 8, Emmanuel 5 (sub. Quinn), Lewis 7, Graham 7, Carter 5, Hughes 6, Rideout 6, Rowland 6, Barnard 7.

Halifax: Smeit 7, Nobbs 5, Carr 6, Wood 6, Smith 6, Hendrie 6, Hallybone 6, Davison 7, ★SPOONER 8, Staniforth 6, Ward 6.

Referee: T. Holbrook (Wolverhampton)

Match Rating: ★★★

SWINDON (0) 0

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Swindon: Allan 7, Baverstock 5, ★BADDELEY 8, Emmanuel 5 (sub. Quinn), Lewis 7, Graham 7, Carter 5, Hughes 6, Rideout 6, Rowland 6, Barnard 7.

Halifax: Smeit 7, Nobbs 5, Carr 6, Wood 6, Smith 6, Hendrie 6, Hallybone 6, Davison 7, ★SPOONER 8, Staniforth 6, Ward 6.

Referee: T. Holbrook (Wolverhampton)

Match Rating: ★★★

WIMBLEDON (1) 2 (Peters 13, Evans 58)

SCUNTHORPE (0) 2 (O'Berg 62, 63)

Att: 1,611

Wimbledon: Beasant 7, Peters 7, Thomas 7, Galliers 5, Tagg 6, Morris 7, Evans 7, Ketteridge 6, Leslie 7, ★DOWNES 8, Dibble (sub. Entwistle 7).

Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Keeley 7, Pointon 6, Fowler 7, Boxall 6, Hunter 7, ★O'BERG 8, Parkinson 7, Duncan 5 (sub. Baines), Telfer 6, Leman 6.

Referee: A. R. Glasson (Salisbury)

Match Rating: ★★★

YORK (1) 2 (Hood 31, Walwyn 66)

TRANMERE (1) 1 (Hamilton 63)

Att: 1,632

York: Jones 8, Evans 7, Sbragia 7, Smith 7, Hay 7, Pollard 7, Hood 6, Ford 6.

★LAVERICK 9, Byrne 7, Walwyn 7

Tranmere: Endersb 6, Mathias 6, ★PARRY 8, Mungall 7, Burgess 7, Powell 6, Hamilton 7, Mooney 6, Griffiths 6, Kerr 7, McKenna 6 (sub. Aspinall).

Referee: K. A. Redfern (Whitley Bay)

Match Rating: ★★★

SCOTTISH Premier Division

ABERDEEN (2) 4 (Strachan, pen 16, Black 42, Simpson 55, Hewitt 70)

MORTON (1) 1 (McNeill 12)

Att: 8,000

Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Kennedy 6, McMaster 6, Cooper 6 (sub. Bell 6), Rougvie 7, Miller 7, Strachan 6, Black 7 (sub. Hewitt 7), McGhee 7, ★SIMPSON 8, Weir 6.

Morton: Barnes 6, Houston 6, Docherty 7, Rooney 6, McLaughlin 7, Duffy 6, Gavigan 7, McNeill 6 (sub. Jackson 6), Hutchison 7.

★COCHRANE 8, McNab 6 (sub. Ritchie 6)

Referee: C. Sinclair (Forfar)

Match Rating: ★★★

DUNDEE (2) 3 (Ferguson, pen 14, pen 84, Stephens 23)

MOTHERWELL (1) 1 (Rafferty 20)

Att: 4,261

Dundee: Kelly 6, McGeachie 6 (sub. Sinclair 6), McKinnie 7, McDonald 6, Smith 6.

★FRASER 8, Fleming 7, Stevens 6, Ferguson 6, Davidson 6 (sub. Kidd 7), Mackie 6.

Motherwell: Sproat 7, MacLeod 6, Forsyth 7, McClelland 6, Ford 6, McClair 7, ★RAFFERTY 8, McLaughlin 6 (sub. Clingin 6), Gahagan 7, Cleland 6 (sub. Conn 7), Edvaldsson 6.

Referee: A. N. Huet (Edinburgh)

Match Rating: ★★★

KILMARNOCK (0) 1 (Clarke 65)

HIBERNIAN (1) 1 (Jamieson 42)

Att: 2,800

Kilmarnock: McCulloch 7, McDicken 6, McClurg 6, ★CLARK, J 8, Armstrong 6, Clarke 7, Bryson 6, MacLeod 7 (sub. McKenna), Eadie 6, Clark, R 6, Gallagher 7.

Hibs: McArthur 7, Sneddon 6, Schaeffer 7, McNamara 6, Rae 7, ★BRAZIL 8, Callaghan 7, Flavell 6 (sub. Duncan), Thompson 6, Jamieson 7 (sub. Turnbull), Murray 7.

Referee: W. McLeish (Stonehouse)

Match Rating: ★★★

RANGERS (0) 0

DUNDEE UNITED (0) 0

Att: 25,000

Rangers: Stewart 7, McKinnon

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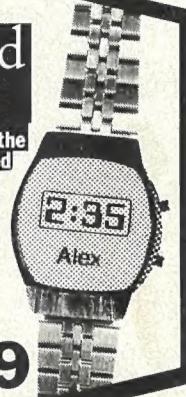


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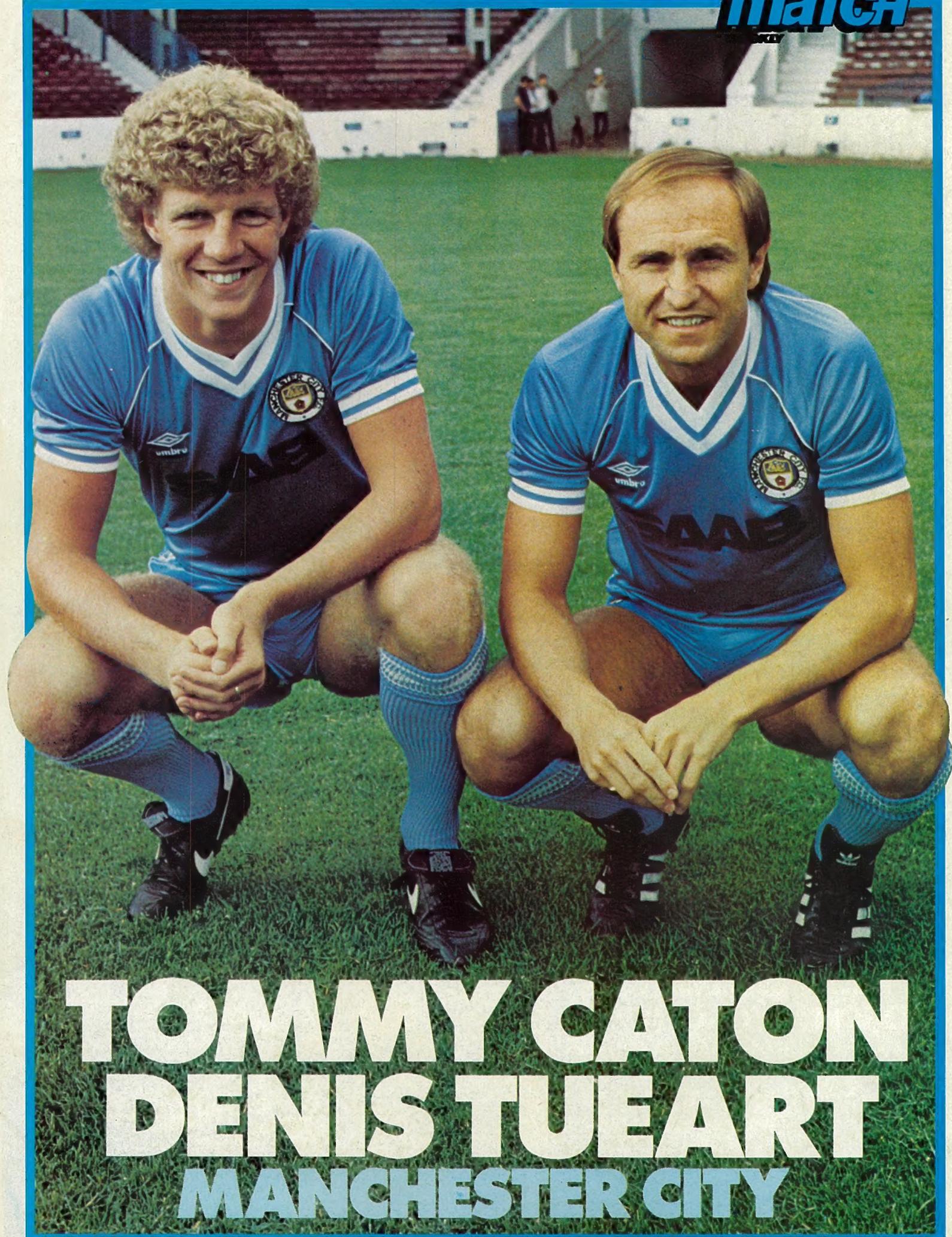


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